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# ADMINISTRATOR'S HEROIC DEATH ON ABYSSINIAN FRONTIER CUT TO PIECES IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE

## STARTLING ALLEGATIONS IN COURT Accused Denounces Chief Witness As Swindler ALLEGED ATTACK ON HOTEL PROPRIETOR

Startling allegations were read out in the Supreme Court against the chief witness Ma Tan Nam, a well-known business man, and owner of the Empress Hotel, who is charging Ho Lam Sang, Pun Fong, and Kwan Yu, alias Kwan Ng, with assault and intent to rob.

The first accused, Ho Lam Sang, stated that Ma was a swindler and a menace to the public. He said that 20 years ago his grandfather had opened a gambling business with witness in Macao and had been the victim of a swindle.

His worship said that accused would not be allowed to make such statements unless he were willing to prove them by asking the witness questions.

The case came up before the Hon. Chief Justice Mr. A. D. A. Macgregor, in the Supreme Court this morning. The Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. J. A. Fraser, was for the Crown.

The jury empanelled comprised Messrs. B. G. Butler (foreman), Wang Tat, David L. Allen, Horst Neimeyer, A. A. Oles, Yung Hok Ming, and Oscar W. May.

**MYSTERIOUS INTRUDER**  
Mr. Fraser said that Ma Tan Nam was returning to his home at No. 40 High Street on November 16, 1934, at his usual time, which was about midnight. He got out of his car and proceeded to climb the stairs to his house. When he reached the first landing he saw a man, dressed in European clothes standing there. He asked him what he meant by standing there, but the man, instead of answering, (Continued on Page 9)

## EXPENDITURE UP, REVENUE DOWN

**Income Tax Revenue Increase**  
**EXCHEQUER RETURNS**

London, To-day.  
Exchequer returns show that ordinary revenue collected up to January 19 totalled \$485,311,377, as compared with \$491,874,170 in the corresponding period of the last financial year. Including self-balancing revenue, the respective totals were \$548,744,377 and \$554,569,170.

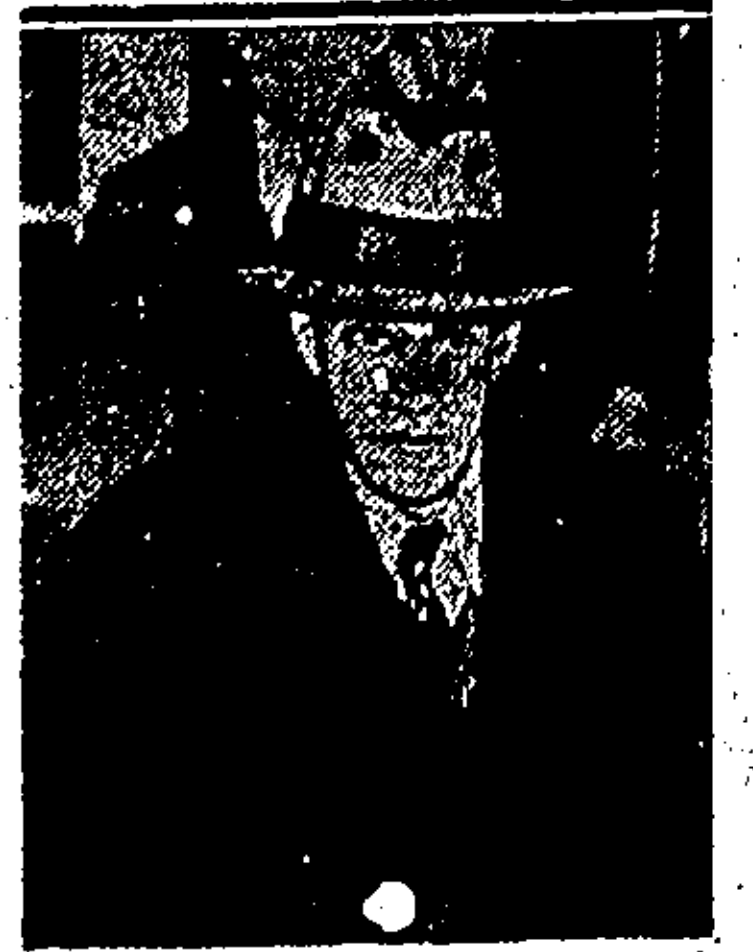
Ordinary expenditure to date is \$563,499, as compared with \$563,633,624 in the corresponding period of last year, and, with self-balancing expenditure, totals were \$626,624,449 and \$619,652,924, respectively.

Although the flat rate of income tax was reduced in the last budget, the revenue collected from this source to date is \$108,866,000, which is nearly \$5,000,000 larger than last year.

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## YAU MATI SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING ON FRIDAY

The eighth annual sports meeting of the Yau mati School will be held next Friday on the school ground at King's Park, commencing at noon. Mrs. Charles Mycock has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.



"Dutch" Schultz, one of the ranking public enemies of America, won his freedom from Albany, N.Y., gaol for the holidays when an obliging friend posted \$75,000 in Liberty bonds as bail. He is seen leaving to enjoy the Yuletide.

## U. S. ENTRY TO WORLD COURT NOW VIRTUALLY CERTAIN

Washington, To-day.  
The participation of the United States in the Hague Court of International Justice is now considered virtually certain, following the acceptance by the Senate of the ratification of the League of Nations, which provides that participation does not entangle the nation in the internal politics of another country and does not mean the relinquishment of America's exclusive right to deal with purely domestic matters. — Reuter.

## RAILWAY AGREEMENT IN BRITAIN

**Satisfactory Conclusion**  
A satisfactory conclusion was reached yesterday to the discussions between the representatives of the leading railway companies and the railwaymen's unions upon the reorganisation of the existing machinery of conciliation and negotiation. Proposals were unanimously agreed upon and they will be recommended to both sides for adoption.

The agreement, which concerns 400,000 railway workers, deals with all questions arising out of the conditions of the service and makes of mutual interest to the staff and management outside the actual service. — British Wireless Service.

## NEW POWER PLANT FOR CANTON

**Installation Contract For Siemens & Co.**  
**\$2,300,000 EXPENDITURE**

Canton, To-day.  
The joint weekly memorial service was held at the hall of the Southwest Political Council yesterday. Mayor Liu Chi-wen officiated and made a speech, stressing the importance of achieving a uniformity of electro-motive force in this city.

In the first part of his speech, Mayor Liu laid particular stress on the development of the Electric Power Station since the government took over control two years ago. He said that many reforms have been made and a new plant on a large scale is to be built in Nulasheng, in the northwest suburb of the city.

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## AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED BUT RETREAT SCORNE

**OUTNUMBERED TROOPS HOLD GROUND FOR TWO HOURS**

## HIGHEST RECOGNITION

Paris cables received to-day bring a thrilling story of the heroic death of a young French Administrator, who, like so many of the young men in our own Colonial service, had the sole rule and responsibility of a huge tract of wild country, sparsely inhabited and flanked by turbulent neighbours, on his hands.

While on an inspection tour of his district, with a small guard of askaris, he was attacked by a horde of some 800 tribesmen from across the border. Fighting until his ammunition was exhausted, he scorned retreat and fell, cut to pieces by the enemy's cutlasses in a hand-to-hand encounter.

HIS GRATEFUL COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN SLOW TO RECOGNISE HIS GALLANTRY AND DEVOTION AND HAS GIVEN HIM, POSTHUMOUSLY, THE MIGHTIEST HONOUR POSSIBLE, A CITATION IN NATIONAL ORDERS AND THE CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR.

## CHAMBER OF PRINCES OPENING

**Viceroy Hotly Denies Baseless Allegations**  
**MAHARAJAH'S SUPPORT**

London, To-day.  
The Viceroy of India, Lord Willingdon, when opening the session of the Chamber of Princes in New Delhi yesterday, described as entirely and utterly baseless the allegations which had been made to the effect that he and his officers had brought pressure to bear on the Princes in order to coerce them into federation against their will.

The Viceroy said it was only natural that the Princes should postpone their final decision on the Reforms Bill until they had had an opportunity to study the measure and the various draft instruments, and instructions.

Lord Willingdon's repudiation of the allegations was strongly supported by the Maharajah of Bikanir. — British Wireless Service.

## "BRITISH AGENT" BANNED

**Nanking Film Censors Offer No Reason**

Shanghai, To-day.  
It is reported from Nanking that the film censors have decided to ban the picture "British Agent," now showing at packed houses in Shanghai, which was previously approved for a reason that is not stated. — Reuter.

## WEATHER FORECAST

The anticyclone continues to increase in intensity and to spread south-eastward, pressure appears to be highest over the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression remains to the north-east of Holskai. (The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was "breezy, with fresh, cloudy."

Paris, To-day.  
M. Bernard, who was aged 25, died heroically at the head of his small troops. He held his ground for two hours, with 105 Assas tribesmen, who kept 800 fierce Assasmaras at bay until their ammunition was exhausted and then, scorning retreat, M. Bernard fell in a hand-to-hand encounter, with 10 cutlass wounds in the head. — Reuter.

A later cable states that M. Bernard was going to the help of the Assas against the Assasmaras raiders when he was attacked. The whole of his force was massacred. The Minister for the Colonies, proposed that M. Bernard be posthumously awarded the cross of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. The Government "cited M. Bernard in national orders," paying a glowing tribute to his heroism. — Reuter.

## No Diplomatic Action By France

An earlier message states that the Somali incident is officially regarded as a battle between two tribes, of which the Issas live on the French side of the frontier and the Assasmaras on the Abyssinian, who are constantly fighting each other.

## NEW CABINET FOR BULGARIA

**General Zlatev At The Helm**

Sofia, to-day.  
King Boris has approved the formation of a new cabinet with General Zlatev as Prime Minister and Minister of War. The change-over is due to internal policy. — Reuter.

## U.S. GUNBOAT ARRIVES

The U.S. gunboat Isabel arrived here at 9 a.m. to-day from Swatow.



This photograph was taken shortly after the explosion of a bomb in the garden of the Argentine Ministry in Havana. The house, which belonged to the former Secretary of State Ferraro, of Cuba, was occupied by the Minister of Argentine, Horacio Carrillo, at the time of the blast. In this case no one was injured. Terrorism is increasing in Cuba, and hardly a day goes by without some act of violence.

## ANGLO-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS

**Warm Appreciation For Britain's Support**  
London, to-day.

The Austrian Chancellor and Foreign Minister, Dr. Schuschnigg and Herr Berger Walden, intend to pay a visit to London next month. Although the date has not yet been fixed, the visit will probably take place on about February 20. It is understood that the Ministers desire to express appreciation of the friendly relations existing between Britain and Austria. — British Wireless Service.

## CHINESE CAPTAINS' CERTIFICATES

**Hong Kong Refuses Recognition**  
**CANTON REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE**

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, Yesterday.

The Chinese newspapers state this morning that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nanking has instructed Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, Inspector General of Foreign Affairs here, to negotiate with the Hong Kong Government for the recognition of passengers' licenses for Chinese steamers and certificates granted by the Ministry of Communication with the Hong Kong mariners.

Dr. Kan, it is said, has communicated with the Hong Kong Government in regard to the matter and is expecting a reply.

The question arose over the appointment of Chinese captains for the four new vessels which the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company ordered from England. The Company plans to place these vessels on the Canton-Shanghai run, via Hong Kong. The Hong Kong authorities require the (Continued on Page 9)

## CANTON-NANKING MOVE

Shanghai, To-day. — It is reported that Mr. Liu Lu-yin, Member of the Kuomintang Executive Committee representing Mr. Hu Han-min in Shanghai, went to Nanking yesterday to confer with Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Judge of the Hague Court, regarding a rapprochement between Canton and Nanking. — Reuter.

## CONNALLY OIL BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

**Sequel To Supreme Court's Decision**  
**CONGRESS WILL NOW CONTROL PRODUCTION**

Washington, To-day.  
The United States Senate has passed the Connally Oil Control Bill, which will now go to the House of Representatives.

The bill is a sequel to the Supreme Court's decision that the section of the National Recovery Administration's act empowering President Roosevelt to prevent the shipments of oil is unconstitutional.

The bill empowers Congress to control production, instead of the President, and it will prevent an inter-State transportation of oil produced in excess of the quotas assigned to those States. — Reuter.

## COAL PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

**Britain's 1934 Output Up Nearly 14,000,000 Tons**

London, to-day.  
The Secretary for Mines, Mr. Ernest Brown, speaking at Edinburgh yesterday, said that coal trade prospects had taken a turn for the better. Provisional figures for 1934 showed that the total British output was 220,954,000 tons, as compared with 207,112,000 in 1933.

The improvement was due to home industrial demands and trade agreements with foreign powers. Other agreements, he said, would follow. — British Wireless Service.

## UNITED KINGDOM MEAT IMPORTS

**Preliminary Talks At Dominions Office**

London, To-day.  
A meeting took place at the Dominions Office yesterday between United Kingdom Ministers and representatives of the Governments of the Dominions and Southern Rhodesia.

A preliminary discussion took place regarding meat imports into the United Kingdom for the period No. 1798 from Kowloon to Taipei, she knocked down Wong Mok Yau, an 8-year-old boy in Tai Way Village, Shaolin. The boy was treated for head injuries at the Shaolin Dispensary.

## KWEICHOW TROOPS ON THE RETREAT

**GENERAL HOU SAID UNDER ARREST**  
**OFFICIAL DENIAL OF SCARE REPORTS**

(From Our Own Correspondent)  
Canton, Yesterday.

The widely reported detention of Lieut-General Hou Chih-tan, a division commander of the Kweichow troops, was stated last night by a local representative of the Kweichow Government as inaccurate. That General Wang Chia-lich, Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government, has escaped from Kweichow is also branded as groundless.

Besides commanding a Kweichow division, General Hou is Second-in-Command of the 25th Kweichow Army and is one of the most trusted lieutenants of Chairman Wang Chia-lich. Hou's division is stationed in Northern Kweichow, but is outnumbered by superior Communist forces, so that it was obliged to give up Tsun Yi, Tung Tzu and other towns.

**DESERTION CHARGE**  
It is reported that General Hou was detained at Chung King by order of the Central Authorities, and that the charges against him are that he left his post without leave and that his troops retreated before the advance of the enemy. General Hou justified his retreat on the ground that his division of 9,000 men were in danger of being encircled by a Communist force of 30,000.

## BURNING TANKER OUT OF DANGER

**Third Engineer Dies From Injuries**

London, To-day.  
A message received yesterday by the Glasgow owners of the British tanker "Valverde," which was on fire in the Atlantic, stated that the fire was then confined to the refrigerator, and that the vessel was in no immediate danger.

Third Engineer Taylor has succumbed to his injuries, but all the others are safe. — British Wireless Service.

## ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY

**Village Widow's Rude Awakening**

Awakened by the forcing of her door at 11.30 p.m. last night Mrs. Cheng Fung Kam, a widow of Leng Pei Village, Sheung Shui district, found herself confronted with three men armed with revolvers and carrying electric torches. When she told them she had no money they spent half an hour ransacking the house.

In her report to the Police, Mrs. Cheng stated that she was robbed of \$2 in Chinese 20-cent pieces, a quantity of jewellery valued at \$37, a single-barrelled shot gun, No. 13982, and 15 rounds of ammunition, valued at \$74.

## EUROPEAN LADY DRIVER KNOCKS DOWN BOY

Mrs. G. Joseph, of No. 49 Stubbs Road, reports that at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, when driving private car No. 1798 from Kowloon to Taipei, she knocked down Wong Mok Yau, an 8-year-old boy in Tai Way Village, Shaolin. The boy was treated for head injuries at the Shaolin Dispensary.



## MAIL SCHEDULES

## BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1935.

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1934.

New Licences for 1935 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, at from 1st January, 1935 and will be issued from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.00.

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(b) by messenger.

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## INWARD MAILS.

## FROM EUROPE

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seilles) Jan. 24  
Rajputana (via Suez) " 24

## FROM JAPAN

Kamo Maru Jan. 25  
Pres. Grant " 25  
Naldora " 25  
Maybashi Maru " 27  
Tottori Maru " 28  
Nellore " 28

## FROM SHANGHAI

Hoihow Jan. 23  
Naldora " 25  
Pres. Grant " 25  
Jean Laborde " 25  
Ajax " 30  
Agapenor " 31

## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

Bangalore Jan. 23  
Nagato Maru " 23  
Toucor (Air Mail) " 25  
Anyo Maru " 27  
Philcoates " 28  
Saisang " 31

## FROM MANILA

Pres. Hoover Jan. 26

## FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Grant Jan. 25  
Toucor " 25

## OUTWARD MAILS.

## FOR EUROPE

Pres. Hoover (via Siberia) Jan. 25  
Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 4.15 p.m.  
Naldora (via Marseilles) " 26  
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.  
Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver) " 28  
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

## FOR SHANGHAI

Pres. Hoover Jan. 25  
Chenoncaux " 26  
Emp. of Japan " 28

## FOR INDIA

Naldora Jan. 28

## FOR JAPAN

Pres. Hoover Jan. 25  
Taditatsu " 26  
Chenoncaux " 26  
Emp. of Japan " 28

## FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover Jan. 25  
Tantalus " 26  
Emp. of Japan " 28

## FOR MANILA

Kamo Maru Jan. 26  
Pres. Grant " 26

## FOR AUSTRALIA

Kamo Maru (via Thursday  
Island) Jan. 26

## The Woman's Page

## Picture-Making In Ways That Are New

FEATHERCRAFT—FABRIC MOSAIC DESIGNS—GAY STUDIES IN WHITE WAX — REALISTICALLY COLOURED PAPER

(By ANNE SHERATON)

All kinds of unusual materials are taking the place of the painter's palette for making pictures. One woman artist collects the fallen feathers from pet birds belonging to her friends, the gayer the plumage the better, and creates most attractive flower pictures. These feather craft flower studies are made in carefully chosen feathers representing flower and foliage colourings, and mounted on a silken background in antique frames. Sometimes the flowers are in miniature, arranged with the tiniest and brightest of feathers.

Other pictures are larger studies set in frames of chromium or mirror, suitable for the modernist rooms of to-day. Parakeets, macaws and blue jays are some of the birds which yield the brightest "paints" for the feather blossoms. The softer hues of the wood pigeon and other birds with a neutral coloured plumage are used in the vase "painting." Only the backgrounds and the signature are put in with the paint brush.

Scraps Of Materials  
Another woman artist has specialised in fabric mosaic pictures. She searches the world for scraps of beautiful and exclusive materials, silks, satins, velvets, embroideries and lace, both antique and modern; and has sold one of her pictures recently for 110gns.

The design and colour of the fabrics used play an important part in the creation of these pictures, in which the chief subjects are beautifully-dressed women, the faces being painted in on the crepe-de-chine foundation of the picture.

All the rest of the work is done in fabric mosaic in clear-cut sweeping lines and exquisite colour schemes, with an effect that is reminiscent of the pre-Raphaelite period.

Flowers, too, are very successfully treated in this way, when the fabric mosaic is done in materials with a flower-like texture of surface and colouring.

## Calicos And Chiffons

Yet another woman artist who has held more than one successful show at a well-known art gallery uses

fabrics instead of paints for her pictures of fets and fairs, landscapes and interiors treated in a fascinating and original way. Here again the faces are usually painted in, but the picture is mainly done in fabrics of every kind. With gaily coloured printed calicos and chiffons this artist depicts all the light-hearted jole-de-vivre of a Parisian scene of festivity. All the elusive beauty of a winter landscape is conveyed in a study in chiffons, velvet and satins in silvery greys and browns.

White wax is the medium utilised in another phase of picture-making. Gay little studies of children dancing and animals are modelled in cameo form on a black background. The effect is like a white cut-out silhouette with a slightly raised surface.

## Framed In Maple

At the moment there is an exhibition at a Bond-street art gallery of pictures of flowers which are cut out in paper and coloured to nature. These pictures are all framed in maple, and the artist specialises in studies of flowers from many lands.

There is real artistry in the clever arrangement of the flower groups and colour schemes. Petals, leaves and stalks are superimposed in delicately cut-out silhouette form, tinted to nature. The pictures strike an almost surprising modern note.

In these coloured paper flower studies, as in the feather and in the fabric pictures, the methods employed are the secrets of the artists. But they really are pictures, and pictures that make charming and attractive possessions for owners of modern rooms.

## SCULPTURED MODELLING

That dictator of hairdressing for the exclusive of both hemispheres, Monsieur Antoine, is emphasising sculptured modelling and shape, a mode devoid of anything so unsophisticated as fluffiness or poetic wisps. But the finished style is a coiffure and not a "horn" head; very feminine, and reminiscent of classical outlines.



## HAIR FASHION IN PARIS

The smart Parisienne does not comb her shingle down, but across the head, often from ear to ear, with the sides forwards or upwards, and the end folded into flat, big curls.

Or the hair at the back is brushed to the top of the head, and the front hair brushed up to meet it, and the ends of both finished with moulded curls flat on the head.

This brings the lobe of the ear into view as a facial feature and shows its lovely curve at the back. The back view of the head is, and will continue to be, a most significant feature of style; a view which has been engaging the speculations of la mode for several seasons, with cascades and potential bustles, sleeves jutting backwards, bare backs, and back fastenings.

## 1935 Coiffures

In 1935 the back of the hair is to take a graceful turn from the established cut and wave of the last 10 years. The present longish hair is at a perfect stage for adopting this new style, and may be trimmed in two varying shortnesses; the front and back much longer than the sides. The back is set across the head, or upwards to the pole, folded and "coiffed" into large waves and semi-circles, the ends turned into flat, shell curls.

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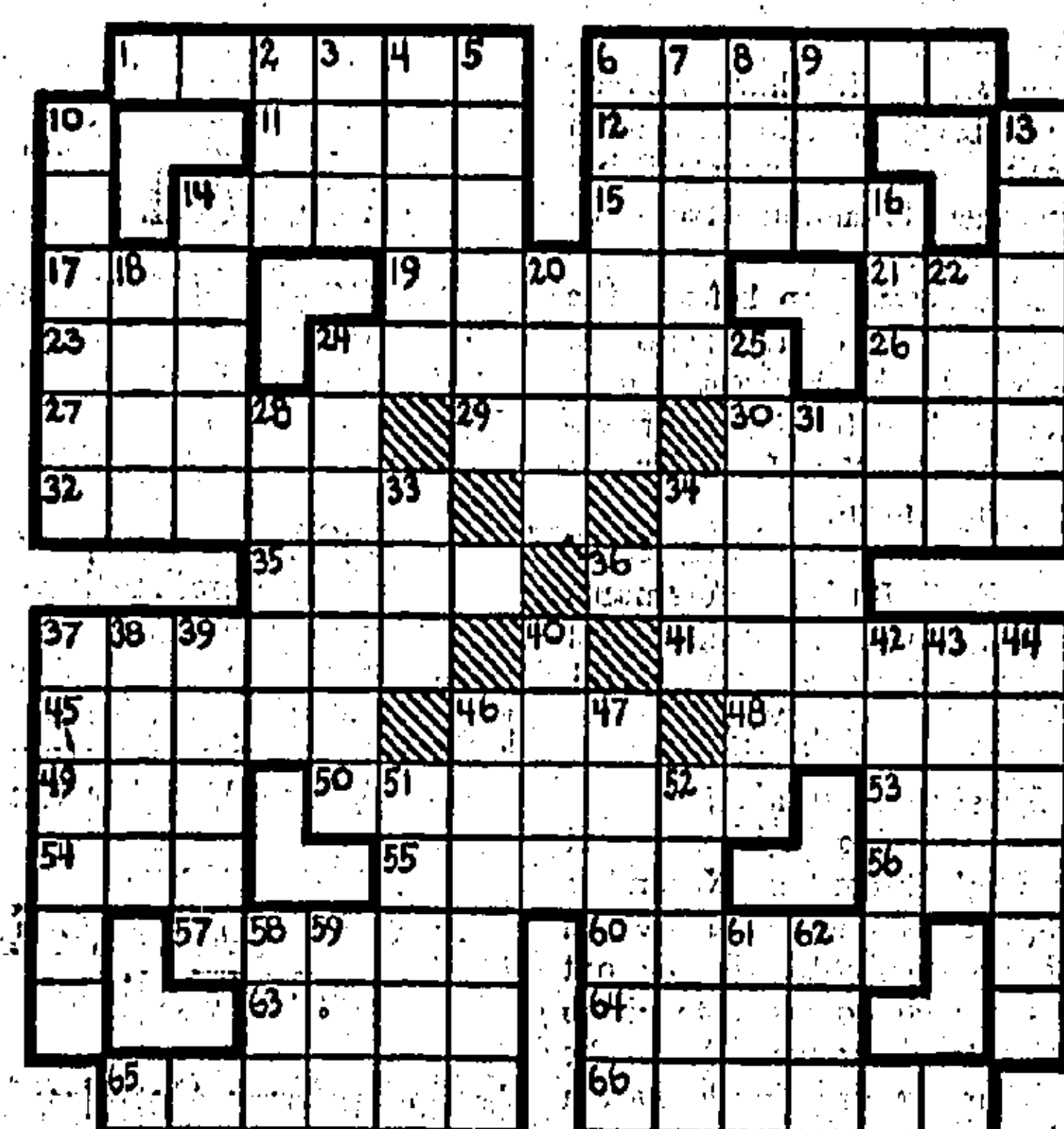
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



**HORIZONTAL**  
1—Old-fashioned  
6—Utters  
11—Chief actor  
12—Examine  
14—A drinking cup (Fr.)  
15—Reclines  
17—Atmosphere  
18—A month  
21—The sheltered side  
23—Part of the foot  
24—Chickered  
25—Avenue (abbr.)  
27—Soldiers' daily allowance (Fr.)  
29—Noah (Fr.)  
30—Consumed  
32—A cotton fabric  
34—Volunteers  
35—In a line (Post)  
36—To cling on a stick  
37—Dried grape  
41—Joers  
43—A Pilgrim Father  
47—A beverage  
48—Fungus that forms on grain  
49—Chum  
50—Surmise  
53—A peat of Tibet  
54—Anger

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
55—Breaks suddenly  
56—A new  
57—Recesses  
60—The natural fat  
63—A telegram  
64—Stagger  
65—Except  
66—Moves in a stealthy manner

**VERTICAL**  
2—Man's name  
3—Pronoun  
4—Pertaining to the nose  
5—Large rock-boring tool  
6—A long, sweeping step  
7—An English playwright  
8—A letter  
9—Attorney (abbr.)  
10—A kind of fish (pl.)  
13—Dresses with the back  
14—To give pleasure to  
16—Place of thin rock

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
18—Participle  
20—Turnout  
22—At any time  
24—Peeking  
25—Explains  
28—Peas collectively  
31—At a later time  
33—Prefix "Not"  
34—Goddess of agriculture (Rom. myth.)  
37—River descent less abrupt than a waterfall  
38—Wing-shaped  
39—Lotters  
40—High, broad tableland (Sp.)  
43—A moth  
45—Upper covering of a house  
46—Form of a verb (pl.)  
47—A Turkish coin (pl.)  
51—Those who employ  
52—Prussian city  
53—A shoemaker's tool  
55—Content  
57—Golf mound  
62—Highest note in Guido's scale

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

## Bringing Up Father



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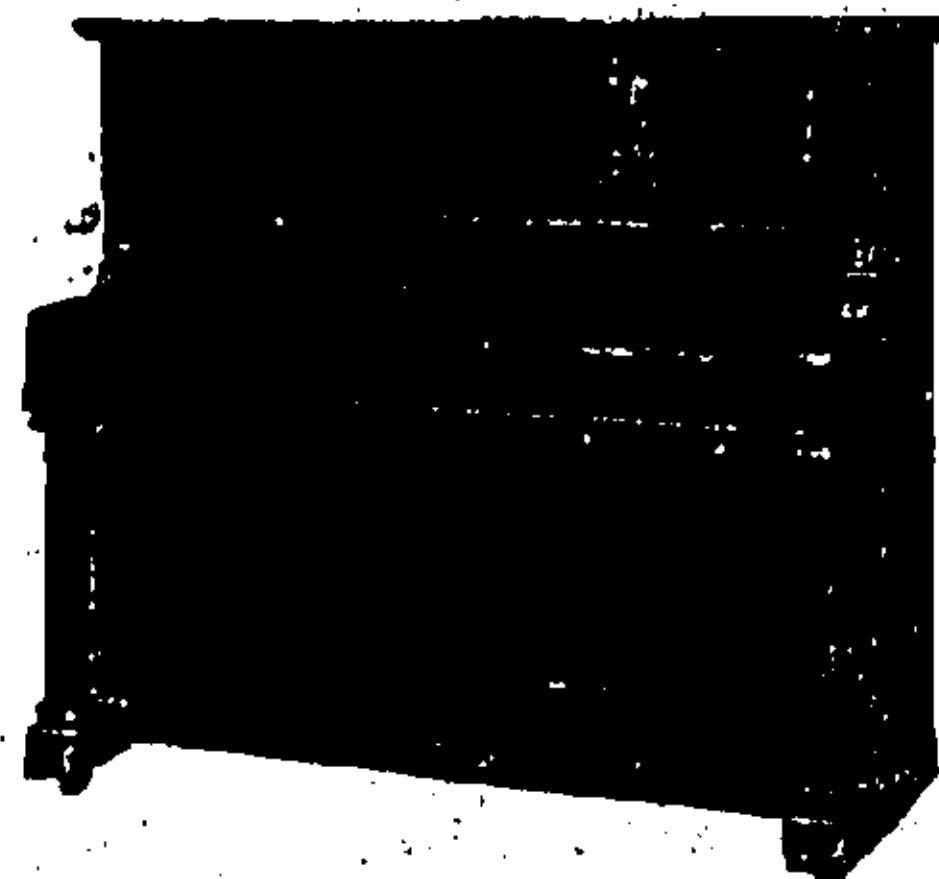
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## SHANGHAI SOCCER INTERPORT TEAM

Suen Kam-shuen At Centre-Forward

The following have been selected to represent Shanghai against Hong Kong in the Interport Football contest, which takes place on February 2 on the Hong Kong Football Club ground.

Only two members of the last Shanghai team to visit Hong Kong are included this year—A. Bolserie of the Shanghai Recreation Club and N. Z. Lee of the Tung Hwa Athletic. Suen Kam-shuen was the former Chinese Athletic star.

The Shanghai team is expected to leave for Hong Kong on January 29, and arrive here on the 31st instant.

The team is:—W. Ward, (A. S. F.) (Goal); J. Shute, (Police) N. Lee, (Tung Hwa) L. Marcal, (A. S. F.) (full-backs); H. K. Chen, (Tung Hwa) C. Remedios, (A. S. F.), H. P. Madar, (S. R. C.) A. Symons, (S. R. C.) (half-backs); R. Favacho, (A. S. F.) K. S. Suen, (Three Cultures) H. Colloco, (Lustano) A. Bolserie, (S. R. C.) S. H. Van, (Tung Hwa); L. K. Tai, (Tung Hwa) N. Z. Lee, (Tung Hwa) K. C. Chen, (Tung Hwa) (forwards).—*Reuter.*

## THIRD DIVISION GAME FOR APRIL

Crystal Palace and Exeter City have agreed, subject to the consent of the Football League, to change the venue of their Division III game on April 20 from Exeter to Selhurst Park. The two clubs should have met on the Palace ground, but Exeter were engaged in the F.A. Cup.

## ALL-ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cyril Marriot, a senior member of the Society of Lawn Tennis Referees, has again been appointed referee to the All-England Badminton championships at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster on March 4-9.

## BRADMAN RESTS A SEASON

Perth, Yesterday.—Don Bradman on arrival here from England said that he was not yet perfectly fit and would not resume playing till next season. He said that it has the best for the game and all concerned if the past incidents were forgotten.—*Reuter.*

## SWANSEA RUGBY FORWARD FOR NEATH

Glyn Davies, the Swansea Rugby forward, has applied for his transfer, and will in future play for Neath.

## AUSTRALIA CHALLENGES IN DAVIS CUP SERIES

Entry in European Zone

Melbourne, Jan. 18. Australia will challenge for the Davis Cup and compete in the European Zone, according to an announcement made today.

The team, it is stated, will consist of Jack Crawford, A. K. Quist, V. G. McGrath and D. P. Turnbull. It is doubtful, however, whether Quist and Turnbull will be available.—*Reuter.*

## CRICKET, RACKETS & YACHTING ARE LEFT DRAWN

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of 33 wickets, was left drawn, very much in favour of Cambridge. Four men contributed half of this aggregate total—D. C. H. Townsend (193 and 6) and F. G. H. Chalk (108 and 12) for Oxford, and A. W. Allen (115 and 37) and G. W. Parker (84 and 27) for Cambridge.

CROSS-COUNTRY First held in 1880; Cambridge, 27 wins; Oxford, 23 wins.

Cambridge, winning by 23 points to 23, gained their first success since 1929. After a fortnight's heavy rain the conditions were deplorable, and the times were the slowest ever recorded for the Horton-Kirby course—a course which has been used for the race during the past nine years.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL First held in 1874; Oxford, 25 wins; Cambridge, 24 wins; 8 drawn.

This match was played at Arford, and on the run of the play should have been a bigger margin than that of one goal to none. Oxford had only two old Blues, K. S. Duncan and W. F. Moss. Cambridge had four, A. H. Woolcock, C. T. Hollebene, G. A. Strasser, and H. Rose.

RUGBY FOOTBALL First held in 1872; Oxford, 27 wins; Cambridge, 22 wins; 10 drawn.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 29 points to four, this being their first victory since 1928. After an even first half the teams crossed over with Cambridge leading by a penalty goal and a try to a goal dropped by A. Bush. Cambridge had all the better of the second half. K. C. Fyfe, on the wing, scored three magnificent tries, and W. Wooller dropped a splendid goal from near half-way. The Oxford forwards played up well, and the severity of the defeat could not in any way be attributed to them, but their backs, with the exception of P. Crammer, were out-classed.

HOCKEY First held in 1890; Cambridge, 20 wins; Oxford, 15 wins; 5 drawn.

Cambridge won by four goals to one. Oxford scored in the first minute, and Cambridge equalized just before half-time. In the second half Cambridge had all the better of the game, and scored three goals without any reply from Oxford.

LAWN TENNIS First held in 1881; Cambridge, 25 wins; Oxford, 15 wins; 10 drawn.

Oxford won by 13 matches to eight. The Singles were level at six matches each, but Oxford overwhelmed Cambridge in the Doubles. This was Oxford's second victory in the past 10 years.

RACKETS First held in 1855; Oxford, 30 wins; Cambridge, 25 wins; 18 drawn.

The result was a draw; the Cambridge first string, E. F. A. Roys, gained an easy victory over R. C. Riseley. The second string Singles match was won by Oxford, but this event does not yet count of itself in the University records. In the four-handed match Riseley and R. Fulbrook, Oxford, gained a surprisingly easy victory over Roys and H. S. Reid, Cambridge, by four games to nil.

TENNIS First held in 1839; Cambridge, 41 wins; Oxford, 14 wins; 16 drawn.

Cambridge won by two matches to one. By winning both Singles and the Doubles, Cambridge won the whole event. The decisive victory of Oxford in the four-handed match came in the nature of a surprise.

## MANAGERIAL POST UNLIKELY EXPERIENCES IN FAR EAST AS SUBJECT

Paris, Jan. 16. Babe Ruth, baseball's major league attraction for the greater part of 20 years, to-day arrived from the Philippines and Hong Kong reiterating that he is through as a major league player, unless he is given a manager's job for 1935.

Ruth said that in the event that he was not given a major league managerial position he will spend the summer in writing a travel book of his experiences in the Far East and Europe on his present tour, and playing lots of golf at which he is equally adept.

The Bambino, idol of hundreds of thousands of school boys throughout the world, is leaving for New York on February 21, after a vacation at St. Moritz.

"Bali and Java were not impressive," Ruth told the United Press here to-day, discussing ports at which he has stopped since he left Manila in December.

"I don't like the women there, they are too cheery."



## INTERPORT RUGBY CONTEST

Shanghai Select Team

The Shanghai Rugby Football Club have selected the following to represent Shanghai against Hong Kong, in the forthcoming Rugby Interport to be held on February 2, at Shanghai:—

C. J. A. Taylor (full-back); G. S. McGill, J. C. P. Master, W. E. Gieve, H. D. Bidwell (three-quarters); J. Bowerman, R. F. Blix (halves); J. S. Lee, J. S. Ritchie, D. McL. Wheeler, H. W. Carter, N. Hicks, R. J. P. Stewart, E. P. Humphreys, P. J. Poole.

The Hong Kong team which was selected last week, will leave the Colony on January 29, and are expected back in Hong Kong on February 8.

## NEATH WING-FORWARD FOR WELSH RUGBY SIDE

The illness of Glyn Prosser, the Neath breakaway forward, increases the difficulties of the Welsh "Big Five" in the selection of the team to meet England. Prosser was one of last season's outstanding successes.

## CONTENDER FOR OLYMPIAD

Gordon To Attempt Comeback

Edward Gordon, Olympic broad jump champion of 1932, has returned to the University of Iowa to complete his education and train for what he hopes will be membership on his third American Olympic team.

Gordon won the 1932 championship with a jump of 25 feet and three-quarters of an inch.

The ex-Hawkeye star has won three national collegiate titles, but since the Los Angeles Olympics he has done virtually no competitive jumping. In 1928 while a freshman at Iowa he was a member of the American Olympic team competing at Amsterdam and was one place short of scoring.

## ERIC PHELPS' BRILLIANT SCULLING VICTORY

Eric Phelps (Putney) scored a brilliant victory in the professional "1000 Christmas" sculling handicap, over the Putney to Hammer Smith course, beating R. Peters (Barnes) by 1 1/2 lengths in 10 min. 18 sec. with G. Harris (Oxford) third in the final.

## Sporting Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

IF there is one point on which it is difficult to shift the British golf authorities it is that the Ryder Cup team of ten players and a manager shall leave these shores as a party and return as a party. Such a condition is essential to the preservation of team spirit for the match at New Jersey next summer.

But I notice that Mr. J. C. Black, representing the Ridgewood Country Club, on whose course the games will be played, has come out with a statement that the British team will be divided into two parties for exhibition purposes.

He also declares that the match will be decided in July, though the United States P.G.A. has announced an early June date as definite.

Mr. Black, presumably, has reason for these statements, but I am assured that none of the matters have even been discussed by the British body—and they, surely, are entitled to a say?

## COOLER CONDITIONS WANTED

THE last time the Ryder Cup was played for in the States the mercury was hitting the top out of the thermometer, and one British player after another collapsed from the heat.

It was as a consequence of this that the British P.G.A. made representations for an early autumn date. But apparently all the arrangements are cut and dried so far as the Americans are concerned.

The American Open is due at the beginning of June, and it is therefore practically certain that the Ryder Cup Contest will have to take place either just before or immediately after that event. So our players must again prepare for sweltering conditions.

However, the last word has not yet been heard from the British P.G.A. on this important matter.

## WHAT THEY WILL EARN

ANOTHER of the Ridgewood Club spokesmen's observations is that the British cup golfers will earn at least \$4,000 between them from exhibition matches, even if they lose the cup.

This would make even Henry Cotton take notice were he available to go, but the fact is that no touring team has extracted anything like that sum from American golf.

The last side had some very lucrative engagements after the cup contest, but the total earnings did not reach \$2,000.

And not even Mr. Black will assert that American golf is as prosperous as it was.

## RAISING THE STANDARD

THE Plymouth City Council have plans for the erection of a big sports stadium in which future athletic meetings would be held, and they are evidently determined to do all in their power to raise the standard of athletics in Devon.

A local sportsman, Dr. Travers Stubbs, is awarding a 70-guinea trophy for competition in the team race.

Another interesting sport item Plymouth is that Beverley Lyon, the Gloucester cricket captain, is getting a team of England players together to meet the South African tourists in the city next April.

## ASSORTED

TWO interesting sporting brevities: Winners of the Gimmerack Stakes are no longer to be asked to supply the champagne at the historic annual dinner which follows the race.

The custom is considered out of date, but a point to note is that the winners have cost winning owners anything up to \$50 for the sparkling wine alone.

The latest in golf tuition is instruction by gramophone. Archie Compston speaks the lessons, which embrace driving, iron, play, approaching, and putting.

## MILLWALL PIVOT FOR WATFORD

Watford yesterday signed J. Harrison, centre half, who has seen service with Millwall.







## ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN

Hon. Mr. Bell Speaks  
On Aviation

### H.E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell was the speaker at the weekly Rotary Club tiffin held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, was a guest.

Rotarian Bell spoke on his recent air trip to London which took two months and two days, 34 days of which were spent in the English capital. Rotarian M. K. Lo presided.

When returning thanks to the Hon. Mr. Bell, Sir William Hornell said that in his opinion if flying in China is to become as popular as in Europe it must be cheaper than at present.

The Chairman, welcoming His Excellency the Governor, said it was indeed a red letter day for the Club because they had the very unique honour of the presence of His Excellency, their first honorary member.

Amongst other guests present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. C. L. Hoover (Consul-General for the United States), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Lieut. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G. B. Gifford, Mr. Bishop Norris (Peking), Bishop Nicholas (Shanghai), Professor Nocht (Hamburg), the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, and several undergraduates from Hong Kong University.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKETS

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### E. A. Pierce Co.'s Report

In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondents for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company of New York state:

"Stocks: The market was devoid of feature and appeared to be standing by, awaiting developments in Washington.

"Grains: The trend was featureless, which traders declare was due more to lack of buying power than pressure. An easier tone rules in Winnipeg on a lack of export demand. There are fears that winter wheat in the South-west might be damaged due to a sudden drop in temperatures, but this cannot be verified until the spring. Country offerings of corn remain small.

"Cotton: A dull market ruled. The Far East and Trade were absorbing small selling.

"Rubber: The market was quiet but nervous. One good commission house order for September of 1935 contracts helped to support the market. Dealers were the principal buyers in other months. Steady but dull conditions prevailed in London.

"Sugar: Following the sales of Cuban at 2.75 yesterday, there were buyers of stored sugars at 2.80 today, which strengthened the market. Refined sugar remained unchanged, while futures were strong.

"Flash: Caterpillar Tractor's 1934 earnings amounted to \$1.94 per share as against 16 cts. for the previous year."—Reuter.

### Latest Quotations

The following quotations have been received through Messrs. S. F. Levy and Company and the American Oriental Finance Corporation:

	Prev.	To-day's	Close	Change
N.Y./London	4.88	4.88		
N.Y. Cotton—May	12.57	12.53		
N.Y. Rubber—May	13.24	13.20		
Chicago Wheat—May	97 1/2	97 1/2		
Chicago Corn—May	86 1/2	86 1/2		
Montreal Silver—Mar.	54.80	54.70		
Silver Official	54 1/2	54 1/2		

### Dow Jones Averages

	Jan. 21	Close	Change
30 Industrials	103.35	102.77	.58 off
20 Rails	35.06	34.84	.22 off
20 Utilities	17.51	17.41	.10 off
40 Bonds	90.62	90.66	.04 up
11 Commodities	59.37	59.04	.33 off

	To-day's
Amer. Can.	35 1/2
Amer. Smelting	24 1/2
Amer. T. & T.	24 1/2
Amstar	58
Cas.	6 1/2
Ch. Post.	6 1/2
Elco Bond & Share	31 1/2
General Motors	31 1/2
Int. T. & T.	9 1/2
McIntyre	26 1/2
Montgomery Ward	26 1/2
Nat. Distillers	18 1/2
N.Y. Central	18 1/2
Socoy-Vacuum	18 1/2
Union Pacific	38
U.S. Steel	38
Westinghouse E. & M.	38
Business Done—590,000 shares.	



On Saturday, December 8, at the formal dinner of the honorary and professional societies of the School of Education of the York University, Mr. Roberto Gatica of Chilean Government, bestowed upon Professor Lloyd N. Tjepsten, of the New York University, a decoration for his valuable and distinguished services in connection with public education in Chile.

## Colony's Financial Statement

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### Liquor Import Increased

Of the various groups of imported commodities there were slight increases recorded of liquors, machinery, nuts and seeds, and paper and paperware. Imports of live animals in 1934 fell \$2,181,000 as compared with 1933; building materials \$2,093,000; chemicals and drugs \$964,000; Chinese medicines \$1,070,000; dyeing materials \$693,000; footstuffs \$40,389,000; fuels \$2,516,000; hardware \$1,033,000; fertilizers \$7,816,000; metals \$4,889,000; minerals and ores \$785,000; oils and fats \$1,713,000; paints \$562,000; piece goods \$5,526,000; tobacco \$155,000; vehicles \$812,000; wearing apparel \$76,000; and sundries \$10,881,000.

Exports figures show increased shipments of liquor, machinery, minerals and ores, and nuts and seeds; machinery exports, in particular, jumping from \$1.9 millions in 1933 to \$5.8 millions in 1934. Exports of building materials fell \$895,000 in 1934 as compared with 1933; chemicals and drugs \$524,000; Chinese medicine \$390,000; dyeing materials \$632,000; foodstuffs \$51,482,000; fuels \$1,038,000; hardware \$317,000; fertilizers \$5,808,000; metals \$2,595,000; oils and fats \$4,647,000; paints \$351,000; paper and paperware \$1,061,000; piece goods \$6,820,000; tobacco \$890,000; vehicles \$19,000; wearing apparel \$1,000; and sundries \$7,816,000.

From the tables of Treasury movements it will be seen that, with the exception of Bank Notes and Hong Kong Silver Dollars, all items recorded an excess of exports over imports in 1934. Copper Cents recorded an excess export of \$107,639; Gold Bars \$55,155,661; Gold Coin \$528,049; Gold Leaf \$238,108; Silver Bars \$5,616,126; Chinese Silver Dollars \$7,948,052; and Silver Subsidiary Coin \$205,897.

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The following tables show the total imports and exports of merchandise and treasure during the past three years:

	1934	1933	1932
Imports			
Merchandise	415,918,522	500,938,794	624,047,600
Treasure	78,080,869	38,113,252	85,272,493
Total	493,999,391	539,052,046	709,320,093
Exports			
Merchandise	325,104,633	403,092,170	471,659,706
Treasure	128,479,528	134,132,584	140,013,831
Total	453,584,161	537,224,754	611,673,537

From the tables of quarterly values of imports and exports of merchandise it will be seen that, in terms of sterling values, both imports and exports increased in the last quarter of 1934, as compared with the last quarter of 1933—mainly on account of higher exchange—but values in local currency recorded comparative declines in each quarter.

### United Kingdom Decline

As regards imports the most noticeable features were the consistent increased shares of the trade enjoyed by Japan and China, and the steady decline of imports from the United Kingdom. The share of Japan increased from 5.0 per cent. in 1933 to 8.8 per cent. in 1934; China from 31.0 per cent. to 35.2 per cent.; Netherlands East Indies from 7.8 per cent. to 8.3 per cent.; U.S.A. from 6.2 per cent. to 7.1 per cent.; and British Malaya from 1.2 per cent. to 1.3 per cent.

The share of the United Kingdom fell from 12.9 per cent. in 1932, to 10.4 per cent. in 1933, and 7.8 per cent. in 1934; French Indo-China, Siam, Germany, India and Belgium also accounted for decreased shares of the trade. China took a considerably smaller proportion of the exports from the Colony, accounting for only 48.0 per cent. in 1934, as compared with 55.3 per cent. in 1933; the chief countries increasing their shares being British Malaya from 1.3 per cent. to 1.6 per cent.; French Indo-China from 6.0 per cent. to 7.4 per cent.; Japan from 3.2 per cent. to 3.5 per cent.; Siam from 3.6 per cent. to 4.5 per cent.; U.S.A. from 4.8 per cent. to 5.7 per cent.; and the Netherlands East Indies from 2.4 per cent. to 2.6 per cent.

Exports from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom have at no time assumed any large proportion. Continuing, Carter, quoted the following story: "Whilst he was in Petrograd, Stuart Cumberland, in his most interesting volume entitled 'That Other World,' makes a reference to an incident in the life of the famous medium, Daniel Dunglas Home, which, in view of the present vogue for Spiritism, is not without interest," says Carter the Great, who will appear at the King's Theatre for seven days from today. Carter duplicates all the spirit wonders of the modern soothsayers, but disclaims supernatural aid. He has recently completed a tour of India where he learned many of the marvels of the fakir. In his performance he includes such wonders as: 'The Vanishing Elephant,' 'Cheating the Gallows,' 'The Elongated Maiden,' 'The Cell of Castiostro,' 'Cherchez la Femme,' 'Springtime,' 'Shooting the Woman Spy,' 'The Dove,' 'Guy Fawkes Fireworks,' 'The Canary in the Lighted Electric Lamp,' 'The Diablerie of the Aviary,' 'The Spikes of Benares,' and many others.

### Court Emeralds Disappear

Continuing, Carter, quoted the following story: "Whilst he was in Petrograd, Home did a feat of dematerialisation before the Court, which had not been for the favour in which he was held in the high places, would have cost him his liberty for of emeralds which had been lent to a considerable period.

## WANCHAI MURDER TRIAL CONCLUDES

Accused Discharged  
CHIEF JUSTICE DEPLORES  
RITOUS CRIME IN  
MAIN STREET

Before His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. Macgregor at the Supreme Court yesterday, Li Shing, alias Li Wing-wa, who was charged with the murder of Lam Ming, alias Lam Chung-wing, on October 28 last, was found "Not Guilty," by the Jury. The special jury empanelled was composed of the following: Messrs. Frederick Cope (foreman), Cheung Wah Sim, Liang Yik Chuen S. A. Rumjahn, A. I. Ribeiro, Pong Pui Kam, and Thomas A. Pierce.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, instructed by Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith, prosecuted and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, appeared for the defence.

Deplorable Social Sense  
After the jury had been addressed by Counsels of both sides, His Lordship, summing up said that it was a deplorable commentary on the social sense of the inhabitants of this Colony that a riotous murder like this should be possible in one of the main streets of the city in an hour when that street was crowded, without there being a mass of evidence to bring home the guilt to the murderer without a shadow of doubt. That, however, was not the fault of the police.

## COUNCIL MEETING TO-MORROW

Urban Council Bill's  
First Reading

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. G. C. Alabaster, will move the first reading of a Bill to make provision for the substitution of an Urban Council for the Sanitary Board, and to repeal the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances.

The Hon. Sir William Edward Leonard Shenton will move the second reading of a Bill to further and protect the activities in Hong Kong of the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas and to incorporate the Director for the time being of the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John in Hong Kong and the Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Hong Kong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association as Custodian Trustees.

The Hon. Member will also move the second reading of a Bill to provide for the Incorporation of the Cheero Club of Hong Kong.

## CHINA'S 43 UNIVERSITIES

Nanking, January 17.

According to statistics compiled by the Ministry of Education, the number of Universities in the whole of China, including both the Government established and the private, has now reached the total of 43.—Cheklai Agency.

## MRS. A.D.A. BASTO LAID TO REST

Funeral At Happy Valley  
Yesterday  
MANY MOURNERS

The funeral of Mrs. Angelina d'Azevedo Basto, who passed away at her residence, 299 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, took place yesterday afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery, the principal officiating priest being Fr. Granelli, who was assisted by Fr. Noval, Robb, Rossi, Rosello and Maestrini, and students of the Cathedral seminary.

Present were the two sons (Messrs. Jose and C. Basto), Mr. J. Noronha (son-in-law); Messrs. L.E., C.H., Joao, B., and L. H. Basto (brothers-in-law) as principal mourners; and Messrs. J. M. Noronha, J. M. Alves, Leo D'Almada e Castro, M. da Silva, A. A. R. Botelho, J. M. Remedios, Julio Ribeiro, A. Remedios, J. A. V. Ribeiro, C. F. Xavier, F. A. Machado, A. A. Alves, C. M. S. Alves, A. Lopes, C. Lopes, F. Delgado, A. R. Botelho, F. E. Remedios, A. V. Lopes, D. F. Lopes, J. Gutierrez, P. P. Botelho, H. A. Alves, W. C. Choy, W. H. Choy, Kok King-wong, G. A. Noronha, E. de Sousa, V. C. Rocha, F. Marques, C. Marques, C. F. Lopes, Dr. J. W. Barnes and many others.

A large number of wreaths were sent.

## SEAMAN'S FUNERAL

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"ADVENTURE"

The funeral was held at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon of Able Seaman Hughes, of H.M.S. Adventure, who died in the Royal Naval Hospital yesterday morning. The Rev. E. G. Powell officiated at the burial service.

Among those present were Capt. W. H. Gell, D.S.O., Cmdr. W. O. Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, and a large gathering of other officers and men of the warship.

Full Naval honours were accorded deceased, a party from the Adventure firing a volley at the graveside.

All warships in port flew their ensigns at half mast during the afternoon.

Two cases of smallpox (imported) with one death, four cases of diphtheria with three deaths, one case of scarlet fever, and seven cases of typhoid with one death, were reported in the Colony during the week ended Saturday.

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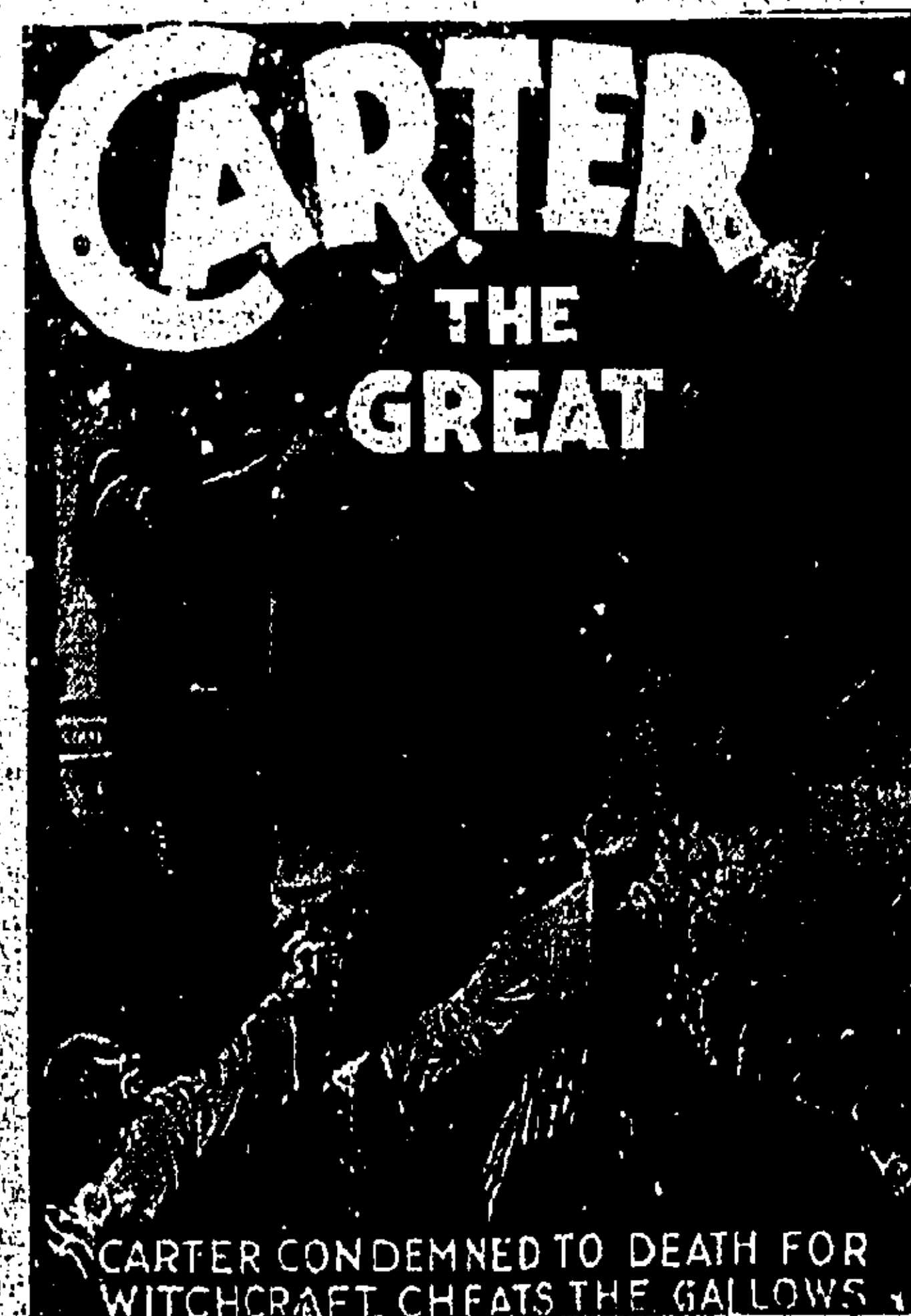
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## The China Mail

Hong Kong Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1935.

### The Gold Clause

By the time that commerce is able to settle down to some more or less stable conditions, we shall all be experts in the more recondite and technical processes of currency exchange. Some of these are more interesting than others, but it is on the whole remarkable how many of the wider questions both of law and of ethics are interwoven with questions of money, which used to be supposed to have very little connection with either. Among the more far-reaching problems involving law, the claim which is under the consideration of the American Supreme Court, and on which a considered judgment is to be given on the 4th of February, would certainly rank high; for it raises the question, which of the two aspects of justice, law or equity, that used to have in England separate rules and separate Courts, and different procedure.

The case is one which calls for an interpretation of a bond which was executed as security for a Railway loan, and at first sight would appear to have no complications at all. At a period when American prosperity was much less securely based than in recent years, and when the dollar was based on a bimetallic system which was abolished in 1875, though the recent silver purchases, authorised to be up to a quarter of the gold reserve, are a faint-hearted revival, it was possible that a man who wanted to be paid in gold might be paid in silver, which would be equally legal tender. The ordinary payment would of course be by cheque, but it might easily happen that the creditor had to meet a gold obligation in some other country. There was a further complication arising from the existence of irredeemable paper money, which might be useless to him; and the days of the greenbacks, which were eventually redeemed after sensational depreciation, were vividly remembered. It therefore became customary to insert a clause that the lender should have the option of receiving payment of capital and interest either in dollars or in the form of a certain quantity of gold. The plaintiff in the present case is offered the stipulated amount in dollars, which since last year represent only fifty-four per cent. of the quantity of gold that he would have received two years ago, and he wishes to exercise the option of being paid in gold. The amount specified in his bond, under the Common Law, which confines itself to finding out what was the intention of the parties, and then ordering

the fulfilment of a contract, nothing could look more straightforward.

The same circumstances arose in England when the pound note ceased to be a legal claim to a golden sovereign four years ago. A claim to be paid in gold on a contract where gold was mentioned instead of merely the number of pounds sterling was dismissed in view of the Act suspending the gold standard; and it has to be borne in mind that in England an Act of Parliament is final; it is not subject to any revision by the Courts on the ground that it is unconstitutional. However, on appeal from the Court of Appeal to the House of Lords, the judgment was upset and the doctrine adopted that where gold is specifically mentioned the contract must be specifically and literally carried out by the debtor. This at any rate was on all fours with a previous judgment adverse to creditors. In a private loan to a Russian Company the borrower had the option of paying in "roubles," which were at the time worth two shillings each. The rouble had become practically worthless after the revolution, and the debtor was able to settle his liability for about a hundred thousand pounds sterling with a bagful of paper worth about a shilling.

In the United States however there is a section in the constitution which lays down the rule that Congress shall not have the power to vary or cancel a private contract by any retro-active legislation, and the arguments of the learned counsel will therefore take a different range from the deductions from the principles of equity which did duty in the English Courts which set aside the claim for gold; though it is quite probable that some of them will be quoted. In any case considering that "the gold clause" was invented to meet the case of changes in the national currency there can be no doubt of the intention of the creditor in inserting it.

There is no need to indicate the enormous importance of the decision, for the clause has been "common form" in all manner of similar contracts. With gold in the open market worth twice the old value in dollars the judgment will make or mar many fortunes, and if the plaintiff succeeds the power of Congress over foreign contracts will be greatly limited.

### THEY SOLD THEIR CHILD

For selling a child of two years of age, Yu Kwong, 42, the child's father, Li Chuen, a 56-year-old widow, and Fong To, a 29-year-old married woman, were sentenced to six months' hard labour, and two months' imprisonment, with the option of a fine of \$100, and a fine of \$50, respectively, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

## HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

### COMPULSORY SPORT

All German students of both sexes will shortly have to take a course of sport and gymnastics for the first three terms of the academic year.

A decree to this effect was issued last month by Dr. Rut, the Nazi Minister of Education, in collaboration with Herr von Tschammer, the Director of Sport.

The obligatory course will comprise gymnastics, athletics, boxing, swimming and shooting. There will be inter-school and inter-university championships.

At the end of their first year students will undergo an examination. If successful they will be given a sports diploma. Those who fail will not be allowed to begin their fourth term.

### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Lord Russell of Killowen has been elected president of the Pegasus Club, in succession to Colonel C. P. Hawkes.

The club was founded 40 years ago to organise the annual Bar point-to-point races.

The first president was the new President's father, who was then Lord Chief Justice.

In 1895 the first Lord Russell of Killowen invited the originators of the scheme to meet in his private room in the Courts. The Pegasus Club was then formally inaugurated, with himself as president. Mr. W. W. Grantham (now K.C.) was the first hon. secretary.

Among the original members were such names as Mr. Justice Grantham, Alfred Lyttelton, M.P., Charles Darling, Q.C., M.P. (now Lord Darling), Frank Lockwood, Q.C., M.P. (who designed the club crest of a barrister in wig and gown bestriding the winged horse of the Inner Temple), A. T. Lawrence (later Lord Trevethin and Lord Chief Justice) and J. G. Butcher, M.P. (now Lord Danesfort).

Most of these rode their own horses at the first meeting.

### Your Daily Smile!

On a frigid morning an Irishman running a riding gang-plot was accosted by a friend driving by. "Hey, Pat, why don't you get off and walk? Do you want to freeze?" "Shure," replied Pat in fine scorn. "an Old father fraze like a man than throt along behind loike a dog!"

### Cause For Tears

A kind old gentleman met a little boy crying. "Old Gentleman: 'Why are you crying, my little man?'"

"Little Boy: (sobbing bitterly): 'I don't know what to do. Mother won't let me stand on my head and daddy grumbles because I wear out my shoes.'"

### Left-Handed Compliment

A teacher asked the class to name the states of the United States. One child responded as promptly and accurately as to bring forth this comment from the teacher: "You did very well—much better than I could have done at your age."

### LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

In yesterday's report of Mr. Koki Hirota's Diet speech he was quoted as speaking of the "puppet regime." This, we need hardly say, should have been Manchukuo. The report was printed exactly as received from the cable company.

Mrs. A. O. Brown will distribute the prizes at the Cheung Chau Government School Speech Day tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing \$5 from Lau Tan, an earth cooler, Chan Ki, a 29-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

A dinghy, the property of Captain Kennedy, of the East Lancashire Regiment, stationed at Shamshui, was stolen from its moorings at Shamshui pier on Monday evening.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Tam See, a 25-year-old unemployed, who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with stealing a radiator cap from private car No. 1187, belonging to Mr. Stevens, which was parked outside No. 8 Jordan Road.

## JUNGLE WONDERS FROM AFRICA

## QUEER CREATURES OF THE CAMEROONS

### BIRD, BEAST AND REPTILE IN EXOTIC FORM

(By Ivan J. Sanderson)

A SMALL whale which had never yet been seen by white men, squirrels with parachutes, a shrew the size of a cat, and a frog of similar proportions were the prizes that tempted us to explore the virgin jungles of West Africa.

These were not, however, all the living mysteries that the mountains of the Cameroons sheltered, as we subsequently learned.

Our initial attack was launched upon an isolated, forest-clad mountain in the hope of finding the Goliath frog. Nor were we mistaken in the choice of our location, a native walking into our camp one morning carrying a great gourd covered with a cloth which bobbed up and down like a jack-in-the-box.

When we raised the cloth, out jumped not only a huge male of this species, with a mouth as large as a codfish, but also half a dozen great fat frogs covered in crimson fur. Two of the zoologist's greatest prizes were served up for us in one dish.

### Flying Squirrels And Mice

We roamed the forests at the foot of these mountains night after night hoping to obtain weird squirrels that nature has provided with parachutes, by whose aid these creatures accomplish prodigious leaps from tree to tree. What was our surprise when, in their stead, a swarm of flying mice were dislodged from a giant hollow tree.

These tiny creatures, only a few inches in length, with tails like an ostrich feather, leap into the air when frightened and float away through the forest as silently as flakes of soot from a London chimney. They too are equipped with membranes stretched between their legs like their larger cousins.

Later in the year, the flying squirrels turned the tables on us by appearing one night at the very door of our camp. Rustlings and scratchings in the darkness above sent us headlong to the gun case. Flashing a light into the tree tops, four flaming eyes were revealed. Then, as the smoke from the guns cleared away, there at our feet lay two creatures that brought shouts of surprise even from the natives.

### The Galago

I can but liken these animals to streamlined rats, with bushy tails and silken hair, though the parachute gives to the whole the appearance of a kit, all but the string.

The following night I saw a tiny figure silhouetted against the brilliant moonlit sky, literally galloping through the tree tops. I fired at random, but it disappeared while I waited listening to its body crashing to the ground through the branches. With the aid of a torch I eventually came upon a bundle of pale grey wool at the foot of the tree.

Seizing my trophy I received a severe bite on the thumb and the fur came to life, a spitting, hissing fury with wide-staring, amber eyes and soft little hands, uncannily like those of a man in miniature.

This Galago, for a lemur it was, far from being dead, was only a little stunned and subsequently lived about our camp for many a day. Awakening at sundown, it would leap about the tent catching moths in mid-air with its nimble fingers.

### Newts And Spiders

Nor were the tree-tops the only places that housed strange creatures. Digging in swampy ground, we came upon odd worm-like newts that have lost their legs through their habit of burrowing into the soil. They pile up some mud on the floor of the little galleries that they excavate underground, and on the summit of these they lay a dozen crystal-clear eggs.

They coil themselves upon their legs until they are hatched and then, like hens, they brood over them, driving away their enemies, the crabs, by squirting jets of water at them.

### Water-Shrews

In the water also we found strange beasts, living fossils almost in their primitiveness. Wading up the clear rocky streams at night by the light of bark torches, dark forms were sometimes seen darting to and fro like fish. Traps, nets, and guns failing us, the method of catching these animals employed by the natives had to be resorted to. We chased them with our bare hands and after many attempts were rewarded by a capture.

Sleek like an otter, these giant water shrews, when chasing their prey, are driven through the water by a powerful fish-like tail, gun case. Flashing a light into the water by their feet, which they draw up beneath them, have developed sharp keels to assist them in preserving their balance. Their jaws are beset with a formidable array of needle-sharp teeth and their eyes are so small that one must search long in the fur of their heads before they can be seen.

### The Pangolin

Raking over the dead leaves that cover the floor of the forest, we occasionally came upon objects having the appearance of

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## HE WORE HIS HAT IN COURT

### Then Could Not Pay \$1 Fine

For wearing his hat in court, Li Tong was confined in the court cell until the Court rose, as he had no money to pay the fine of \$1, which was imposed on him by Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

When asked why he came to Court, defendant stated that he came to look for a friend who had been arrested for hawking flowers.



Comment: "Now, sonny, your mother could not do that. She can't get eggs without a hen. Boy, 'Oh yes, she can.' Well, how does she do it? 'Keeps ducks.'"



## PIRACY SEQUEL

Witness Escapes From Hospital

TWIN BROTHER OF DECEASED

Chan Man, owner of a fishing junk, who was attacked by a band of pirates off Castle Peak last week, and who has since been under medical treatment, escaped from the Kowloon Hospital at 1.30 o'clock this morning. The man was wearing clothes provided by the institution when he made his escape.

It will be recalled that on Tuesday night last, while the junk, with Chan Man, his wife, his twin brother, sister, sister-in-law and two children on board, was anchored about 300 feet from the shore, off Castle Peak, four robbers boarded the vessel and attacked its occupants.

During the fray, Chan Tai-ii, the twin brother of Chan Man, was killed. Chan Man escaped by jumping into the sea. Later the marauders sailed away in the junk, taking with them the women and children as hostages.

The junk and its occupants were rescued on the next day by a pursuing junk at Pak Kok, Chinese Territory. No property was reported to have been stolen from the junk.

The escaped man was wanted by the Police as a witness.



The first published picture of Princess Nadejda Scherbatoff, a Russian noblewoman, and her daughter, whose father, whom she charged in a paternity suit filed in Paris, is Count Louis de Brantes (inset). The Count, son of a French marquis, is the fiance of Lady Maria Forbes, niece of Ogden Mills, of New York. Princess Scherbatoff asks one million francs and a monthly allowance for the baby.

## NEW POWER PLANT FOR CANTON

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According to Mayor Liu, the new power plant will cost \$2,800,000 national currency, and the contract for the installation of the machinery has been signed with Messrs. Siemens and Co. Construction has already been started. It is expected that this new plant will be completed within the year. When it is completed, uniformity of voltage will be achieved.

## SIX ADVANTAGES

According to Mayor Liu, the volts will be changed from 110 to 220 and 60 kilocycles to 50. The advantages, which will be derived from the change, are as follows:

- (1) The same electric instruments may be used throughout the country as volts and kilo-cycles of most of the power stations in various provinces are 220 and 50, respectively, and a tremendous sum of money be saved.
- (2) Power stations of various cities can co-operate with each other.
- (3) Industries can easily be promoted.
- (4) Drafting of schemes for national defence is much easier. As uniformity of voltage is achieved, the same electric instruments for defence may be used everywhere.
- (5) The people may use their old electric instruments, though they move to other localities, thus saving money.
- (6) The supply of electric power will be increased.

In his address, Mayor Liu told the audience that following the taking over of the administration of the Electric Company the Municipal Government has formed a committee to make assessment of the properties of the Company and has reserved \$30,000 each month to be refunded to the shareholders. Central Press.

## CHINESE CAPTAINS' CERTIFICATES

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vessels to be commanded by masters whose certificates are recognised there.

Until the matter is adjusted the China Merchants will not take passengers aboard their vessels at Hong Kong.

## Communication Ministry Plans Tibet Postal Service

According to information from the Chinese Ministry of Communications, the Ministry is considering measures for the improvement of the postal service in Tibet. At present, it is learned, there are only about 1,000 kilometres of postal way in Tibet. Owing to the lack of railways and motor roads there, mail traffic is largely done on horseback and it requires at least a week's time to complete a journey of 1,000 li (about 380 miles). For the transmission of official dispatches, swift messengers have to be employed. According to the same information, postage stamps in Tibet are printed in three colours, namely, green, blue and pink. One of the stamps are engraved the sun, the moon, and a lion, the last being the national symbol of Tibet (Chakial Agency).

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Koolung on account of small-pox.

## PROCURING CASE

Accused Sentenced To 12 Months

FLOGGING PROMISED IF CAUGHT AGAIN

Charged with procuring a girl for immoral purposes within the Colony, Shek Ho-yin, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court.

Sergeant Baker said that the girl, Chan Pik-yu, knew the defendant as a shop-fok. Some time ago she asked him to secure a job for her, and he said he would get her a position at 20 Lyndhurst Terrace. When she arrived there she was told what she was required to do. She stayed there for five days and then left. The case was brought to the attention of the police by her brother.

Accused said that he did not force the girl to stay there. In passing sentence Mr. Schofield said: "I may point out to you before I pass judgment that an aggravated case of this type of offence a magistrate may order flogging. If you are caught again you certainly will be flogged."

## VAGRANCY CHARGE

Man From Mauritius In Trouble

BRITISH SUBJECT

Arnold Tanyan, 36-year-old unemployed, appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, charged with being a vagrant in the Colony. He was committed to the Detention House, pending arrangements for repatriation.

Detective Sergeant Russell stated that defendant is a British subject, and was born in Mauritius. He came to Hong Kong in 1930, and spent most of his time in Amoy.

About nine months ago he returned to the Colony and had since been begging and sleeping in the streets. His relatives in Mauritius are well-to-do business people, and when he first came to the East he had 3,000 rupees, which he spent in Amoy during his three years' stay there.

## STARTLING ALLEGATIONS IN COURT

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leapt upon him and seized him by the throat. At the same time two other men appeared, armed with knives, and one of them got hold of his right arm, while the other searched his pockets. He managed to shout "Save Life" and this was heard by his wife who blew a police whistle. The men endeavoured to escape, but Ma Tan Nam gave chase. One of the accused was caught by the chauffeur who had heard the noise of the struggle, and a police constable, who resided near by, caught another. The third defendant was arrested later.

Several articles were picked up, including the handle of a knife, a bottle which smelt of chloroform, and a piece of cotton waste. These were produced in Court. The two men who were captured were taken to No. 7 Police Station. Ma Tan Nam was examined by a doctor, who has since left the Colony. Several cuts and wounds were discovered on both his wrists.

## ACCUSED'S QUESTION

The chief witness was then placed in the box and corroborated what Mr. Fraser had said. After he had given evidence the accused were permitted to ask him questions.

The first defendant wanted to make a statement, but his Worship warned him against that. He then asked the following question: "Do you admit that 20 years ago you opened a business in conjunction with my grandfather and thereby swindled him?" "I never knew your grandfather."

"I submit that you were not attacked by three men, but by one man." "I was assaulted by three men."

Sergeant Sheppard was also called as a witness, and stated that he saw Dr. Lim Kim Kung, who was the doctor who examined the assaulted man, leave the Colony for England aboard the s.s. Tama on December 19.

Mr. Jackson, the Government analyst, was given the bottle and the waste to examine and said that as far as he could judge both the bottle and the waste smelt of ether.

## CHAUFFEUR'S EVIDENCE

Pun Kau, who was then called, said he was the plaintiff's motor driver, and that it was his practice to drive his employer between the Empress Hotel and his home.

On the night of November 15, he dropped his master at No. 40 High Street where he resided, and then turned the car round. While waiting outside the premises, he heard a cry "Save Life" and immediately started on the street. He, however, did not mount the stairs at once, but went back for a torch and a hammer with which to protect himself, the stairs being very dark. As he was about to mount the first step a man dressed in European clothes rushed past him into the

To-day's Short Story.

## Under The Sand

By Jack Lindsay

WHEEZING and shouting, the slaves lowered the large oblong cage and let it rest against the arched door of the stone den where the tigress was imprisoned. The cage seemed to fit perfectly, but they were taking no chances. One of the slaves inspected the end of the cage and reported that there was no possibility of the tigress squeezing round. The cage lay across the narrow width of the long pit, blocking it.

The slaves pulled hard at a rope, and the barred door of the den rose gratingly up the grooves. The tigress watched the rising gate, crouching down and flicking her tail round at her ribs. The worried slaves feared that she would refuse to enter the cage. Wild beasts were sometimes obstinate, and that upset the programme of the arena. Nothing mattered except that the programme must not be upset.

"There are lots more slaves," the overseer would say, spitting brutally on the littered ground. "But good animals are hard to find."

Then he'd pick out one of the more worthless slaves, or one whom he disliked, and tell him to go in with a red-hot poker and induce the beast to follow out the timetable. Sometimes the beast obeyed with a snarl; sometimes the slave grew frightened, and then another slave had to be sent in to get the beast away from the body. There were lots more slaves, and only the

cheapest were sent to the animal pits under the arena.

But now the tigress, before whose den the cage had been lowered, was very hungry; and after suspiciously watching the cage she could not resist the lump of meat with which it was baited. Slinkingly she crawled nearer, opening her mouth to snarl at the men.

The menacing yawn was unpleasant, even from the other side of the bars. The mouth of the tigress

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Hammered," by Elsa Godfrey.

opened so wide that it reminded one of opening one's own mouth too far and cricking one's jaw; the fear that one would never be able to shut it again. The tongue curling between the upcurved teeth was even more unpleasant; it brought back memories of the rasping lick of a cat's tongue—and how much more powerful would be the lick of a famished tigress alone was terrifying, apart from the teeth upbared under the taut whiskers, the great claws of the padded feet, the glassy yellow stare of the eyes. Blind eyes, it seemed, and yet horrible; lanterns of hunger, not of vision; mere flame-holes of the hunger-scent.

Asplendon looked away. He felt hypnotised. He loathed beasts of prey.

After much mistrust the tigress entered the cage, the dark stripes of her yellow-tawny body stirring as she moved, like the branch-shadows of her lost forest stirring across the gold of sunlight. No sunlight was in this pit, on smell of the forest depths in the reeking chill of buried stone. A dim light fell from the openings above, and torches blazed on the walls, held in iron stanchions.

The tigress moved slowly, afraid of the unrecognisable world; for her den had at least become homely with her own smells. Only the smell of the men standing about could be now distinguished. Angriely, fearfully, she hurled herself against the bars and found herself thwarted, hedged in a blind world empty of wind and sun and earth. In a dim crypt of stone. Only the men, the enemies, could be realised. She roared.

The slaves, who had been holding the rope of the cell-door, let go, and the door fell with a loud, rattling thump. The tigress snarled, roared again, and clawed at the stout wooden bars. The claws slid out from their thick pads revealing their full curved length, straining for the flesh that they could rip so easily. The slaves moved away, though they were out of range. The tigress roared; and the echoes thundered in deafening closeness the pit. The lion in the next cell answered. The pit was a maelstrom of uproar.

Asplendon wanted to put his fingers to his ears, but feared that the other slaves would laugh. He forced himself to wait the noise out. It couldn't last much longer. He tried to think it away, to command it to stop, to say "Now it's stopping, stopping stopped." But it didn't stop. His heart pounded. If the noise went on something would burst in his head. He loathed wild beasts more than anything in the world except the overseer, Layus.

Then the roaring ceased, and silence, blessedly came. Into the silence stole the sound of dripping water, and, further away, the clamour from the Flavian Amphitheatre penetrating in a dull concussion of noise to the underworld where the animals were kept before their appearance aloft.

Asplendon closed his eyes, relaxing into the silence. "A drop of water fell into one of the torches, and made a crackling splutter. Asplendon felt a pinprick of molten resin on his bare arm; but kept his eyes closed. The burn hardly hurt him; he was so absorbed, trying to make up his mind. He couldn't bear to go on like this any longer, and there was no hope of a transfer. He didn't mind the hard work, the scrappy food, the howling army. It was the beast that he couldn't bear. That small animal, him, the sight of them

ACCUSED IDENTIFIED  
Witness gave chase, and, after grappling with the man on three occasions, before he secured him, he finally detained the intruder in Second Street.

Wong, taken about the middle waste pad, said he had found it lying in a gutter in Centre Street where the Chinese whom he now recognised as the first accused, had thrown it. He gave it to the European Sergeant.

The case is proceeding this afternoon.

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### THE MILLIONAIRE STRAPHANGER

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New York, December 28. Mr. John E. Andrus, one of the fifteen richest men in the United States, is dead—at the age of 93. Active in business until last week, when he took to his bed suffering from pneumonia, he leaves a fortune of £8,000,000, gained chiefly by shrewd investments in the ventures of Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

Mr. Andrus used to clean his own boots, and he always went by underground railway from his residence at Yonkers to his New York office, standing up and holding on to a strap, which made him popularly known as the "Millionaire Straphanger."

Among his numerous benefactions during his lifetime were several thousand pounds for the maintenance of Wesley's Chapel, City-road, E.C., where John Wesley is buried.

## Under The Sand

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made his flesh creep till he wanted to call out to the other men to hold him back. For he felt drawn on, fascinated. If he were left alone in the pit, he was sure that he would walk into one of the dens. Worst of all was the roaring. It made something throb inside his head, something that sounded alive, a mad cockroach tearing at his brain, eating up his self-control and sanity.

And all his fear and rage turned towards the overseer, Lavus, who could easily have arranged a transfer. When Asplendon had timidly approached him with the request, he had answered that one more such word would mean a flogging. He was fat, and satisfied with the work; and his swollen stubby hands were hairless; and his voice grated in a shrill kind of way; and his eyes protruded. Everything about him disgusted Asplendon.

The slaves were eagerly discussing in low voices among themselves the items of the programme which they could not see. They saw none of the items and yet they asked for accounts of them and remembered the pedigrees of the horses, the successes or failures of the jockeys and drivers, even the records of the jugglers, wrestlers, and pugilists, as exhaustively as the most enthusiastic of the circus-goers who sat in the tiers above. Asplendon was the only one who had no interest.

Lavus was at the far end for the moment, looking through the bars at the sick rhinoceros which had been advertised as the great attraction of the show, but which seemed in a state of coma. It refused to eat.

In the unseen arena a herd of deer were being hunted by trick archers from Crete, who shot while doing all sorts of gymnastic stunts. One of the slaves declared that the archers could shoot while turning somersaults, and others were insisting that the feat was impossible, growing worked-up and indignant over the question, ready to come to blows if Lavus left the pit.

"The games aren't what they used to be," grumbled an old slave, who recalled Nero's days. "We used to have cinnamon and borax then instead of common sand."

Asplendon said nothing, but bit his finger-nails. His mind was irresolutely torn. He had never before felt so badly the chill of the pit. The air was foul. He tried to think, but his teeth chattered.

Somebody called from aloft, and Lavus, bustling up, gave the word. The Tiger Hunt was to begin; a condemned murderer was to fight the tigress with a blunt dagger. The slaves clustered round the windlass and took hold of the wooden bars. Their faces set into the apathetic masks that they assumed while toiling, and they dragged the windless round cheerlessly. The cage shook, creaked, and rose from the ground. Aloft was an oblong open space into which the top of the cage would fit when hoisted as far as the pulleys allowed.

Asplendon did not have to toil at the windless. It was his job to control the rope that would in due time draw the bolt, unloose the spring, and open the top of the cage, thereby enabling the tigress to leap out into the arena, as if from the bowels of the earth. It was a responsible job, and Asplendon would have been proud of it if he hadn't loathed his surroundings so utterly; for if he fouled the rope and drew the bolt prematurely, the tigress would leap out upon the men below in the pit.

He muttered to himself, trying to nerve his mind and muscles to the act. Could he do it? He edged towards the main door, which led out of the pit into the passage. His body felt numb, but he regularly paid out the rope his eyes fixed on the cage rocking upwards, in which the growling tigress stirred uneasily about or dug her claws into the timber. "Yes, Lavus," he walked under the cage to the further end of the pit. He usually did so at this point, to get a better view.

It was the moment for which Asplendon had prayed. He had sworn to himself that if Lavus crossed under the cage he would take it as a sign from Fortuna; he would end things, he would tug the rope, how to the other slaves, and run for the passage-door. The cage would crash down, the shaken tigress would leap out and find only Asplendon would place in the turret that the rope had jammed.

"He cursed under his breath. He must do it. It was all right now. His hatred of Lavus surged up inside him, an acid wave of burning discomfort and fury, choking. There was no risk, if he acted quickly and decisively; but, what ever the risk might have been, it was worth taking. He couldn't go on any longer. It wasn't the risk he feared. He didn't know what he feared. His hatred was so intense that it unnerved him, weakened him.

Yet all the while he paid out the rope and watched the ascending cage. He seemed to have lost all will, to have become an automaton. The weaker he felt himself grow the more rigorously the automaton paid out the rope. Asplendon, caged inside this automaton of duty, swore and fumed, beat with impotent ghostly hands as if on the bars of a prison. Now was the chance, now. Why didn't he act?

For a ghastly moment he felt himself one of the beasts prowling up and down behind the bars of a cage, and then suddenly, for no apparent reason, hurling itself against those bars of strange cruelty. He was in the grip of deadly fear, and couldn't resist. The more hotly the murderous rage welled up inside the more calmly he paid out the rope.

"Hurry up there," shouted Lavus. But even the sound of that hated voice could not affect the automaton who was controlling Asplendon. Sweat dizzied on Asplendon's brow, and at the same time he felt easier. At least things had been taken out of his hands. Surely now he would find the pit life tolerable or would

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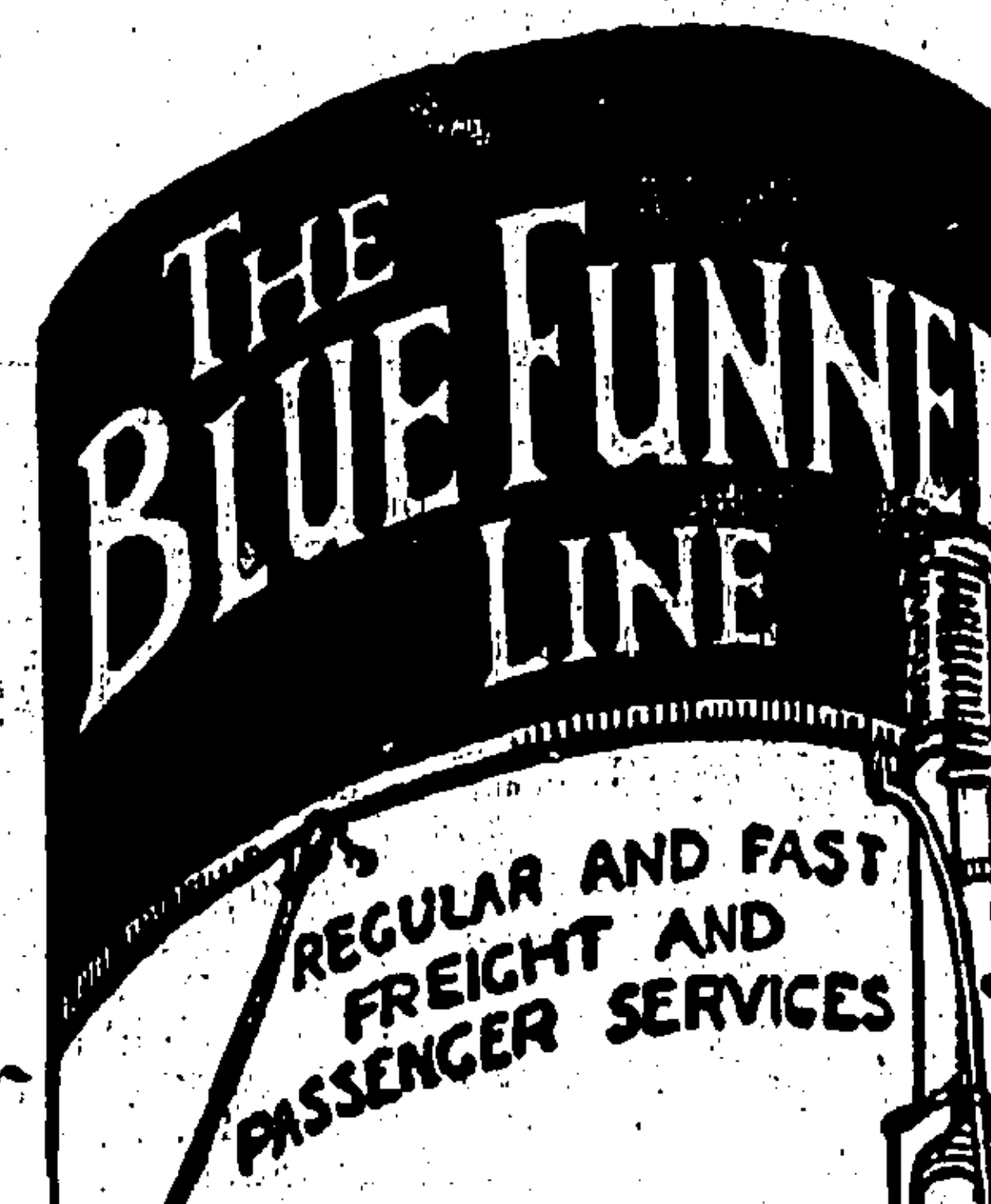
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## Bridge Notes

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As Mr. Engel remarks, his bidding was optimistic in view of the fact that while his partner's response was positive, it did not necessarily indicate the Ace, and in addition to that, he might need a break in the spade suit to assure the making of a grand slam. Thus the chances of a successful grand slam were not even.

West could have saved himself a great deal of trouble by opening the heart Ace against the Slam bid, inasmuch as the Fates had decided that he would fail to defeat the contract in any case. His second choice of a lead, the diamond King, would also perhaps have tended to clarify matters, as East could later have discarded all his hearts and thus let West read the distribution. Instead, however, West elected to open a trump, and Mr. Engel proceeded to take 11 tricks, the last two cards in his hand being the nine of diamonds and one trump. The last trump was led at the twelfth trick, and now West, faced with a difficult guess, guessed wrong, discarding the diamond King, and the diamond nine won the grand slam trick.

The illustration of the pseudo-squeeze is interesting, but West's play from the start was bad, and so was East's, for even after West's mistake in the choice of an opening lead, East should have helped him to the extent of discarding exactly what the heart situation was. The double, of course, was a factor in prompting the declarer to attempt the pseudo-squeeze rather than hope to find the heart Ace in the East hand. It was obvious to South that this play must lose after West had doubled, and the only alternative was the pseudo-squeeze.

## TYPEWRITING AWARDS

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao's will distribute the certificates and prizes at the Institute of Commerce graduation function of the sixteenth term of typewriting and the third term of commerce, which will be held in the King's Theatre on Sunday, commencing at 9 a.m.

One case of smallpox (imported) and two cases of diphtheria were reported in the Colony for the 24 hours ended Monday.

## EXCURSION TRIP TO MANILA

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## JUNGLE WONDERS FROM AFRICA

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armoured footballs. As soon as we touched them, they jerked violently and hissed like snakes. Placing them on the ground, we had to wait patiently and watch them unroll, displaying their grotesque form.

These pangolins or ant-eaters are covered with scales as hard as steel, and it is very difficult to tell their heads from their tails. Their long toothless snouts conceal a worm-like tongue so long that when it is contracted it extends back through their throats to the very pit of their stomachs and can be darted out to fully two feet.

### Exotic Forms Of Life

One day we saw a lizard chasing insects in the bright sunlight; but it was a common variety, so we paid little heed to it. Then it boldly entered the tent in pursuit of flies, and I arranged like a corkscrew.

## Cinema Notes

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### "THUNDERING HERD"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

A spectacular drama of wild America, featuring Randolph Scott and Judith Allen, is showing at the Oriental Theatre in Paramount's "The Thundering Herd." The well-plotted story, adapted from Zane Grey's book, tells the conflicting drama of white men and Red Indians in the '80's.

Supporting Scott and Miss Allen are Harry Carey, Buster Crabbe, Noah Berry and Raymond Hatton.

### "SPRING TIME FOR HENRY"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A barrage of genuine laughs is contained in the Fox film, "Spring Time for Henry," which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre. Otto Kruger the leading man, is cast as a sort of "butterfly" man, a role he plays to perfection, although he by no means carries off to first honours. Nigel Bruce, with his constant, "all right old boy," and others, namely, Nancy Carroll, Herbert Mundin and Heather Angel, all come in for a generous share of the limelight, Mundin, as usual cast as a butler and giving another of his delightful impersonations.

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## UNDER THE SAND

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die out of desperate inanition. He didn't care, as long as the end was truly reached.

More and more he found it difficult to retain awareness of what was going on around him. Yet at the same time he knew that he was performing his task with more than usual competence and briskness. But he couldn't think about it, his senses were all concentrated elsewhere. Where, he could not tell. He knew nothing except the increasing distraction which thudded within his skull.

The cage reached the arena level. The windlass stopped, and the men hung panting over the bars, resting their aching chests and bellies. Lavis shouted, and Asplendon pulled the rope. The bolt was drawn, the spring thrust up the trapdoor, and the tigress leaped into the arena.

Asplendon stood aside, breathing deeply, though he had done nothing except pull a rope. The other slaves tied the ropes of the tigress-cage and set to work bringing down the cage for the lion in the next cell. All thoughts of the plan to destroy Lavis had left Asplendon, and in any event the plan would no longer work.

For this time Lavis would certainly not cross under the cage. There was too little space. He would stand back, beside the men at the windlass, near the passage-door, and Asplendon would be expected to stand on the other side, against the end-wall of the pit.

The routine of luring the lion into the cage went ahead. Asplendon took no notice. The lion made him tremble vaguely, but his conscious fear for his own safety was of the lion, but from his eyes he roared "drinks of all and thunder made him faint." But now the cage began to move and Lavis

waved to Asplendon to tell him to get out of the way, to cross under the cage so that he could keep a clearer watch on the escape rope.

Asplendon crossed, and once more the automaton who controlled his muscles went on paying out the rope. Asplendon himself had ceased to feel unhappy. He felt nothing. Perhaps it was for the better. If only he could always feel like this. He sighed and tears came into his eyes.

He wanted to go far away, somewhere else it didn't matter where. Somewhere on the sea coast. He had never seen the sea, but longed for it. He wanted to be able to see no houses anywhere, no stone walls, nothing of human construction. He wanted to walk into the water, the salt blue water, and be cleansed. Isis, Mother of the Sea, would take him on her lap; he would sink gently into the lap of her welcome, soothed by the depthless green-blue of her eyes, the pupilless eyes of a goddess, slots of green-blue in her foam-white face.

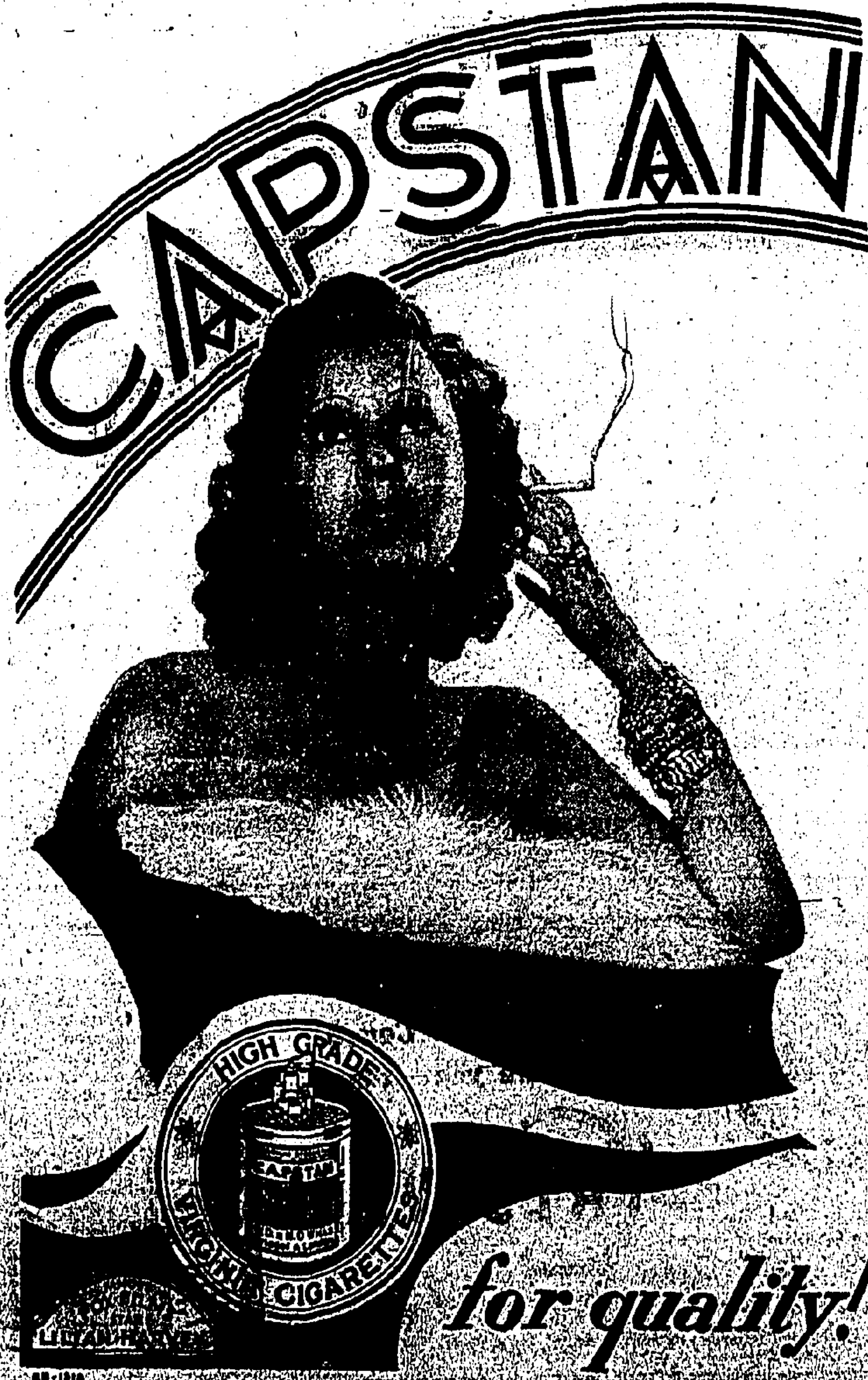
He wanted peace. Tears were in his eyes. No one loved him, no one would ever love him.

His body shivered, grew taut.

Confusedly he became aware of men shouting of something crashing. A sudden wind rushed against him, mud splashed. His eyes were closed. His muscles tightened. He heard the men shouting, far away, seemed, and he opened his eyes, saw in horror that he had been sliding the escape-rope round his wrist, that the cage had been dropped to the floor of the pit.

Asplendon looked up, in time to see a bright yellow shape leaping down at him, with bared teeth, with claws and flowing mane, with mad eyes. He turned to flee, but his back was against the wall. The cage began to move and Lavis

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Mr. Chen Shao-wei, Special Commissioner of the Finance Ministry to Szechuen, has arrived at Chungking. He is carrying out an investigation of the existing financial and currency conditions in Szechuen and will submit a report to the Ministry.

According to Mr. Chen, the most knotty problem in Szechuen finance is the circulation of the miscellaneous notes and provincial bonds, which must respectively be withdrawn and redeemed before any thorough readjustment can be effected.—Chekiat Agency.

### KWEICHOW TROOPS ON THE RETREAT

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So far the Communists have not yet captured any important towns in Southern Szechuen. Since the arrival of the Nanking staff officers at Chungking, they have taught the provincial authorities not to send out reports concerning Red successes. Most press dispatches are now released by the official propaganda agencies in Nanking.

For the time being the National Government has postponed their decision to appoint a new Chairman for the Kweichow Government.

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On account of financial difficulties, love and matrimonial troubles, family quarrels, business failures, fear of legal punishment, unemployment, etc., a total of 937 Chinese men and women died by their own hands in the various leading cities in China during 1934, while about 800 were frustrated in their attempts, according to investigations made by the Ministry of the Interior.

Peiping and Canton lead in the number of suicides, most of whom were above the age of 30 among men and below 30 among women.—Chekiat Agency.

## NATURALISATION IN CHINA

During the past six years, a total of 4,986 foreigners of both sexes have been naturalised as Chinese citizens, according to statistics recently made public by the Ministry of the Interior. Among those naturalised, the Russians in Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan) and Kirin form the largest number, with the Koreans ranking next.—Chekiat Agency.

## EXPENDITURE UP, REVENUE DOWN

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Surplus receipts are slightly lower, and revenue from estate duties is \$7,000,000 lower, at \$63,486,000.

Stamp duties are higher up than last year, and excise is down by \$2,000,000. There is little change in other revenue items, except miscellaneous receipts which were at \$12,681,476, showing a decline of \$8,792,072 on the total at the corresponding date last year.—British Wireless Service.

## CHINA AND ITALY DRAW CLOSER

Exchange Of Professors Arranged

### CULTURAL RELATIONS TO BE FOSTERED

In order to promote the cultural relations between China and Italy and enable the two countries to appreciate better the civilisation of each other, it is understood that the Chinese Government has decided to send five well-known Chinese scholars to lecture in Universities in Italy in exchange for Italian scholars to lecture in China.

The five Chinese scholars who are reported to have been chosen to lecture in Italy are: Tang Chang-feng, Hsia Shun-pa, Wu Wen-chung, An Jui and Wang Shih-lin, all of whom are professors in Government Universities either in Nanking or in Peiping.—Chekiat Agency.

## EXCESS OF DECEMBER IMPORTS AMOUNTS TO \$20,000,000

According to statistics published by the Maritime Customs at Shanghai, the excess of imports over exports for the month of December last year amounted to more than \$20,000,000. Tobacco leaves led the list of the imported commodities.—(Chekiat Agency).

## EXPORTS OF TINNED PINEAPPLES

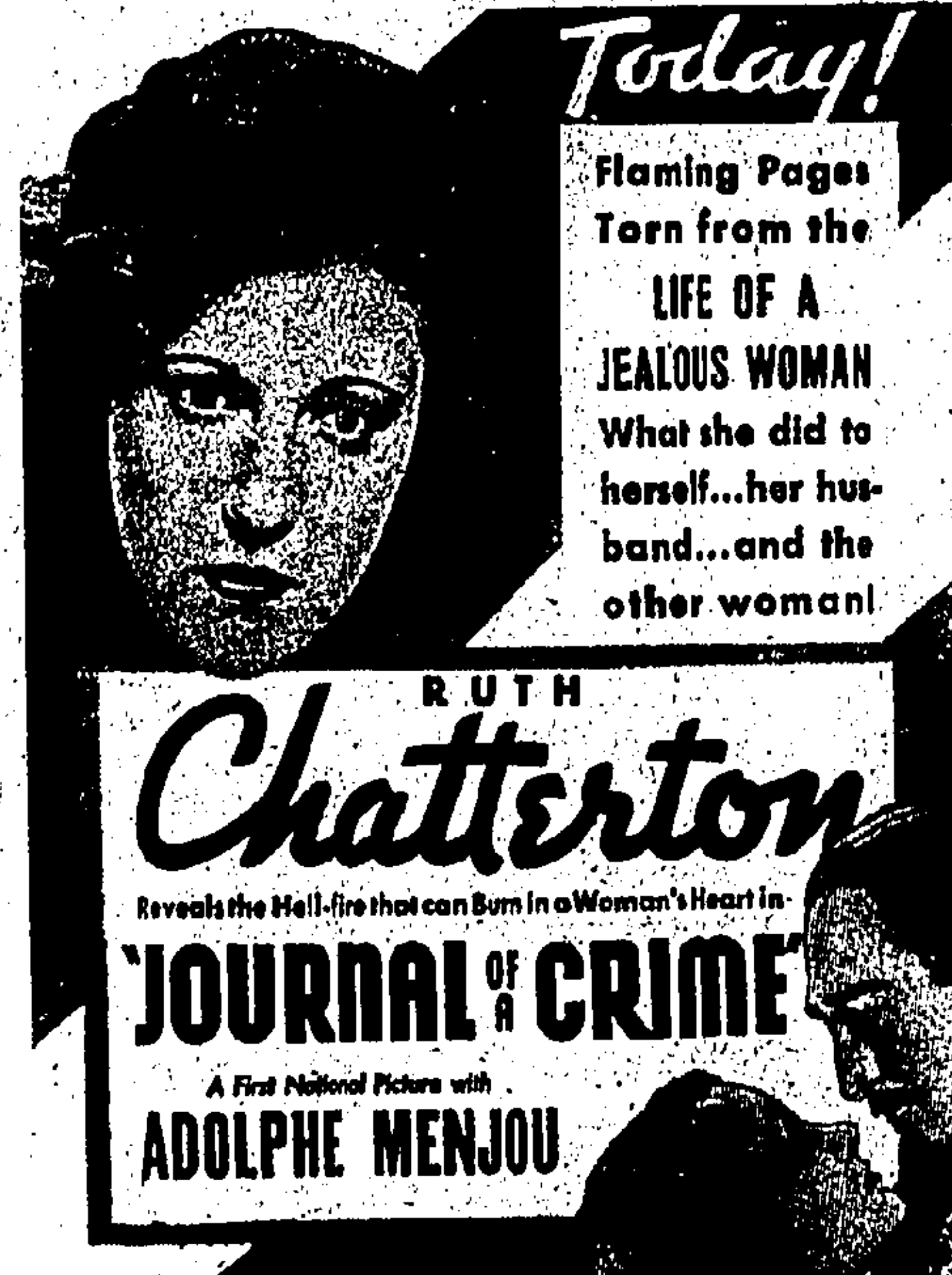
During the week ending January 5, exports of tinned pineapples from Malayan ports amounted to 39,870 cases, of which 34,189 (86 per cent.) cases were to the United Kingdom, 778 (2 per cent.) cases to the Continent of Europe, 2,500 (6 per cent.) cases to Canada, and 2,403 (per cent.) cases elsewhere. Total exports for the corresponding period of 1934 were 53,422 cases.

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## CUT TO PIECES IN HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE

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The Government does not intend to take diplomatic action as it recognises that the Abyssinian Government cannot be held responsible for sporadic outbreaks on the confines of the kingdom.

Once again the Abyssinian border has been the scene of an ugly incident in which the fierce desert tribesmen have taken heavy toll of their neighbours—in this case inhabitants of French Somaliland, one of the victims being M. Bernard, the young Administrator of the district, who was on a tour of inspection at the time.

It will be recalled that a similar incident took place farther south and east recently, when Abyssinian tribesmen and Italian colonial troops clashed near Ugalal, on the border of Italian Somaliland. There were serious losses on both sides and the matter was made the subject of complaints to the League of Nations by both Italy and Abyssinia. The massacre just reported occurred at Dika near Lake Abbe, not far from the scene of the clash on the Italo-Abyssinian border.

raiders in each case belonging, most probably, to the same fierce warrior tribe, the Assaimaras.

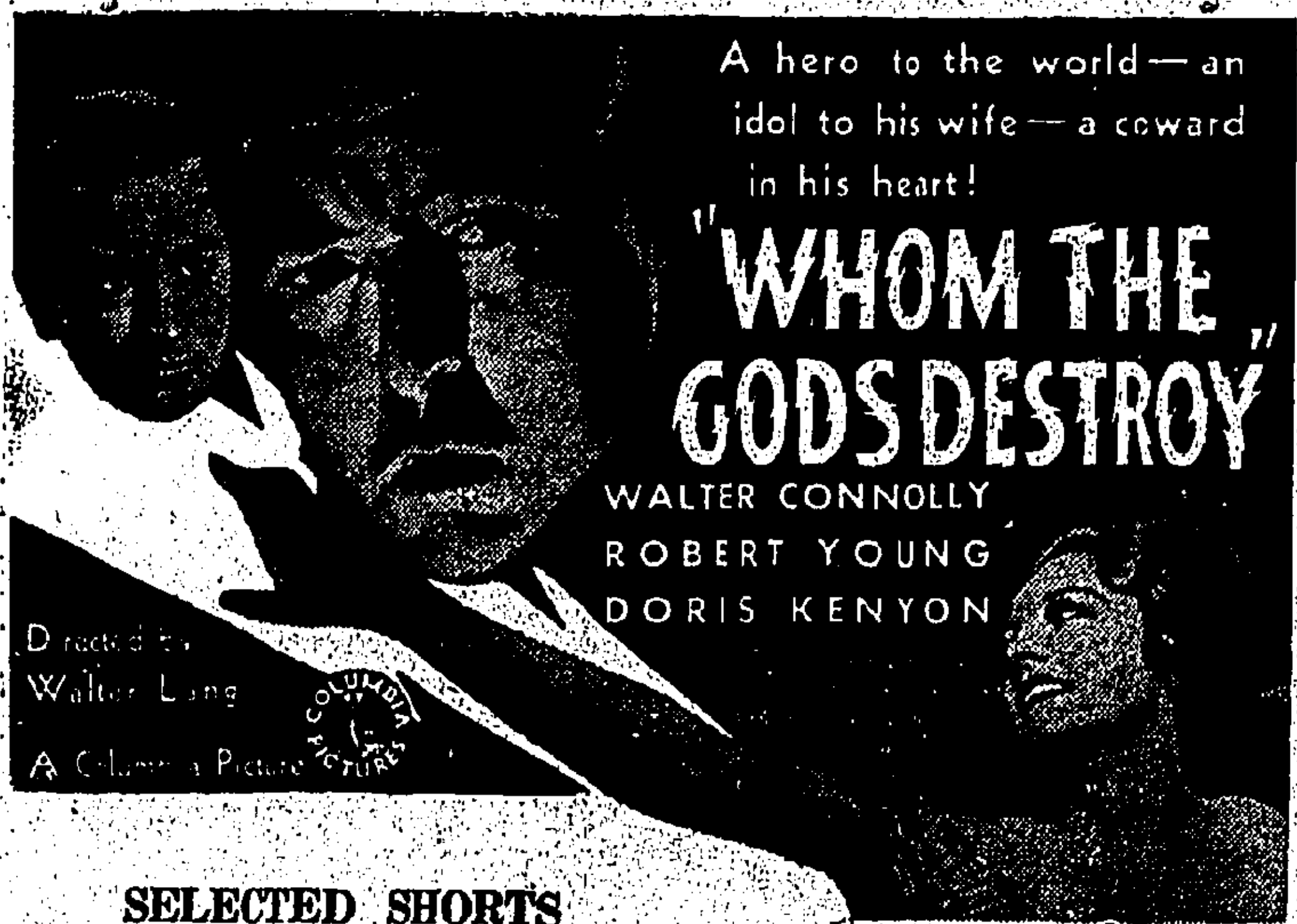
PORTUGAL TO LEAGUE Following the Ugalal affair Abyssinia forwarded a protest to the League of Nations, complaining that the Italian troops on this occasion were encroaching on Abyssinian territory and asking that the whole subject be put to arbitration. The British Government has been using its good offices to ameliorate the crisis, and Mr. Anthony Eden, M. Laval of France and Baron Aloisi of Italy have held lengthy discussions in search of a remedy to ease the tension.

The crisis, however, seems to have passed, and the matter will not come up for consideration by the League Council until its next session. In the present affair, in which, besides the unfortunate Administrator, 18 native askaris, who were accompanying him on his tour of inspection, and 88 other Somalis lost their lives, the French Government does not appear likely to seek a course of action recognizing the difficulty of effective policing of her desert frontiers by the Government of Abyssinia.

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